

‘Everything is burning’



Flames and smoke rise from Notre Dame Cathedral as it burns Monday in Paris. Massive plumes of yellow-brown smoke filled the air above the iconic cathedral as ash fell on tourists and others around the island that marks the center of Paris.

Fire engulfs historic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

By Lori Hinnant and Samuel Petrequin
The Associated Press

PARIS — A massive fire engulfed the upper reaches of Paris’ soaring Notre Dame Cathedral as it was undergoing renovations Monday, threatening one of the greatest architectural treasures of the Western world as tourists and Parisians looked on aghast from the streets below.

The blaze collapsed the cathedral’s spire and spread to one of its landmark rectangular towers, but Paris fire chief Jean-Claude Gallet said the church’s structure had been saved after firefighters managed to stop the fire spreading to the northern belfry. The 12th-century cathedral is home to incalculable works of art and is one of the world’s most famous tourist attractions, immortalized by Victor Hugo’s 1831 novel “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.”

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People watch as flames and smoke rise from Notre Dame Cathedral as it burns Monday in Paris. [PHOTOS BY THIBAUT CAMUS/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

“It’s been 800 years that the Cathedral watches over Paris. Happy and unfortunate events for centuries have been marked by the bells of Notre Dame. We can be only horrified by what we see.”

Camille Pascal, French historian

Local Girl Scouts find someone who is Man Enough

By Lisa Carr
Amarillo Globe-News

Bill McCarty was honored with the first ever Man Enough to Be a Girl Scout Award Monday afternoon at Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Presented by the Girls Scouts of the Texas Oklahoma

Plains, Welcome Pardner owner DJ Stubben nominated McCarty.

“Bill has shared his time listening and responding to needs in our community (and) he is interactive in making others shine,” she said.

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Texas Senate approves limits on property tax collection

By Asher Price
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A bill that would severely restrict local property tax collections, a priority of Gov. Greg Abbott, is one step closer to reality, as the Texas Senate approved it 18-13, but only after a Republican holdout fell on his sword and allowed it to move forward.

Aiming to preserve prized

state Senate tradition, Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, joined all other Republicans in allowing the bill, which he opposes, to come to the Senate floor for debate.

The episode was perhaps the most dramatic of the legislative session. An internecine fight in the Republican party broke into the open as Seliger chewed out Lt. Gov Dan Patrick

— though not by name — the presiding official of the Senate, a showdown involving two politicians who have dogged each other the entire session.

Without his approval, the bill would have been stymied — a scenario Patrick had telegraphed he would not allow to happen. Patrick

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THE ROAR IS RESTORED

Tiger a major champion again, and race to Nicklaus back on

Garage retail space remains vacant

By Douglas Clark
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While thousands of fans recently filed through Hodgetown's gates for the Amarillo Sod Poodle's first homestand, retail space available across the street at the base of the city-owned parking garage remains dormant. Officials previously noted businesses had expressed interest in the 25,000 square feet of space offered, but did not wish to commit before the baseball venue opened. The garage opened to the public in September 2017.

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PULITZER PRIZES

Awards honor coverage of three mass shootings in 2018 — at high school, synagogue and newsroom itself

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“We’ve always known that space would come on line as soon as the ballpark opened,” Mayor Ginger Nelson said. “We had almost 42,000 people attend ball games in the MPEV over the course of the last week and I think it’s important for that data to establish what a great location that is. I am anxious to see that space leased and I believe the opening of the ballpark is exactly what we need to see that happen.”

Officials said Amarillo Retail LLC is the entity responsible for filling the retail space. Last year the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board approved a \$14,000 bid for a firm to conduct a survey of the retail space windows, execute the design and layout of the images, print the materials and provide temporary vinyl signage installation. Officials said the project covered the lower portion of up to 19 retail space windows.

“They have a long term agreement signed by the Local Government Corporation, under the guidance of the previous council,” Nelson said regarding the business responsible for parking garage retail space leasing. “I believe it was a five year contract. This council has no ability to change that at this time.”

Amarillo Retail LLC did not return phone calls seeking comment. Amarillo City Council member Eddy Sauer, who serves on the LGC board, previously acknowledged potential tenants for the retail locations would likely coordinate their plan for the spaces with the start of the 2019 baseball season and added the LGC considered the \$14,000 allocated for the effort to be well spent.

“It’s just to make things look better and appeal to people who are coming through town,” he said. “The funding is out of the money that has been allocated to help with improvements in the area. We view this as an upgrade.”

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Previously McCarty has also been honored by the Texas A&M Foundation, the Amarillo Better Business Bureau, the Amarillo Downtown Kiwanis and Kiwanis International clubs as well as the Golden Spread Council Boy Scouts of America in 2014 and 2017.

“Bill doesn’t join everything,” Stubben said, “but in all, he participates 100 percent.”

McCarty, owner of Document Shredding & Storage, has been a long-time advocate for Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis. The married father of four — three daughters and one son — said he was shocked to receive the honor Monday.

“I was totally surprised,” he said. “I don’t why they would select me. I don’t feel that I’m necessarily deserving; there have been a lot of guys through the years that have done a lot for this



camp and for Girl Scouts.”

McCarty got involved with the civic and goal oriented organization when he became a member of Amarillo’s Kiwanis Club in 1962.

“I’m so glad our club stepped forward, about 1930, and voted to support what is now Camp Kiwanis as one of the major ... projects,” he said.

“It’s the only project that we’ve ever had in our 99 years, that’s been voted on by the entire membership as a permanent. ongoing project.”

Though he has helped with many projects and local organizations, helping the Girl Scouts has been a family affair.

“Girl Scouts has been an important part of our

family’s life, principally my wife. All three daughters went through Girl Scouts and had a wonderful experience,” he said. “I think Girl Scouts have continued to be a really good mold of young girls into women ... molding young lives in the right direction.”

McCarty will be formally recognized again at Polk

Street United Methodist Church during the GSTOP Women of Distinction event August 1, 2019.

“We’re excited for him to be the first ... honoree,” said Lacey Henninger, GSTOP community partnership. “Bill has graciously served and has been committed to the Girl Scouts for many years, so it was time to honor him.”

TAX

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had said that he would invoke the so-called nuclear option, discarding the requisite 19 votes to advance a bill.

“I’m voting for our traditions and reputation as a deliberative body,” said Seliger.

That pronouncement came at the end of a speech in which he declared that the Senate was “contemplating a process to pass this bill that in some ways discredit this body, something that should be avoided at all costs.”

The Senate is full of people “who very well understand politics and use of power,” Seliger continued. “What we often don’t talk about is... statesmanship.”

In what is closest to a drop-the-mic moment as one gets at the Legislature, Seliger then left the chamber as votes to bring the property tax



Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick waits for the House to discuss Senate Bill 3 on March 4 in Austin, Texas. The bill would give all Texas classroom teachers a \$5,000 annual raise. [ANA RAMIREZ/AMERICAN-STATESMAN]

legislation up for a vote were tallied.

The property tax legislation would constrain how much taxing authorities can collect in revenue, one of the top issues Patrick, Abbott and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Lake Jackson, pledged to address this legislative session. The bill faced resistance from local officials, especially on the city and county level, who say the

proposal would affect how much they can allocate for everything from firefighter pay to parks maintenance.

Seliger joined all Democrats in opposition. Under the so-called three-fifths rule in the 31-member Senate, Republicans had needed 19 votes to bring Senate Bill 2 to the floor for a vote.

“I respect our Senate rules, but I do not intend



State Sen. Kel Seliger holds up a Bible while speaking on the floor of the Senate chamber in opposition to SB2, a bill that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has championed as a solution to reduce property tax. Seliger also criticized a plan by Patrick to suspend Senate rules in order to get the bill passed if it didn’t have enough votes. [JAMES GREGG/AMERICAN-STATESMAN]

to let a procedural motion stop the Senate from passing this important bill,” Patrick had said in a statement Friday. “If using the so-called ‘nuclear option’ is the only choice left to me to pass meaningful and lasting property tax reform and relief on Monday, as Lt. Governor I will lead as the public expects me to lead and exercise

that option. The public doesn’t care about our procedural rules. They want tax relief and they deserve it. Time is running out on our session.”

On Sunday, in a note to supporters, he doubled down, noting that if the nuclear option is the only choice available “I will use it.”

Seliger has called the gambit “desperate.”

CATHEDRAL

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The exact cause of the blaze was not known, but French media quoted the Paris fire brigade as saying the fire is “potentially linked” to a \$6.8 million renovation project on the church’s spire and its 250 tons of lead. The Paris prosecutors’ office ruled out arson and possible terror-related motives, and said it was treating it as an accident.

As the spire fell, the sky lit up orange and flames shot out of the roof behind the nave of the cathedral, among the most visited landmarks in the world. Hundreds of people lined up bridges around the island that houses the church, watching in shock as acrid smoke rose in plumes. Speaking alongside junior interior minister Laurent Nunez late Monday, police chief Jean-Claude Gallet said “two thirds of the roofing has been ravaged.” Gallet said firefighters would keep working overnight to cool down the building.

Late Monday, signs pointed to the fire nearing an end as lights could be seen through the windows moving around the front of the cathedral, apparently investigators inspecting the scene. Remarkably, only one of the about 400 firefighters who battled the blaze was injured, officials said.

The fire came less than a week before Easter amid Holy Week commemorations. As the cathedral burned,



Parisians gathered to pray and sing hymns outside the church of Saint Julien Les Pauvres across the river from Notre Dame while the flames lit the sky behind them. Paris Archbishop Michel Aupetit invited priests across France to ring church bells in a call for prayers.

French President Emmanuel Macron was treating the fire as a national emergency, rushing to the scene and straight into meetings at the Paris police headquarters nearby. He pledged to rebuild the church and said would seek international help to do so.

“The worse has been avoided although the battle is not yet totally won,” the president said, adding that he would launch a national funding campaign on Tuesday and call on the world’s “greatest talents” to help rebuild the monument.

Built in the 12th and 13th centuries, Notre Dame is the most famous of the

Gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages as well as one of the most beloved structures in the world. Situated on the Ile de la Cite, an island in the Seine river, its architecture is famous for, among other things, its many gargoyles and its iconic flying buttresses.

Among the most celebrated artworks inside are its three stained-glass rose windows, placed high up on the west, north and south faces of the cathedral. Its priceless treasures also include a Catholic relic, the crown of thorns, which is only occasionally displayed, including on Fridays during Lent.

French historian Camille Pascal told BFM broadcast channel the blaze marked “the destruction of invaluable heritage.”

“It’s been 800 years that the Cathedral watches over Paris”, Pascal said. “Happy and unfortunate events for centuries have been marked by the bells of Notre Dame.”

He added: “We can be only horrified by what we see.”

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said in a Twitter message that Paris firefighters were still trying to limit the fire and urged Paris citizens to respect the security perimeter that has been set around the cathedral.

Hidalgo said Paris authorities are in touch with the Paris diocese.

Reactions from around the world came swiftly including from the Vatican, which released a statement expressing shock and sadness for

the “terrible fire that has devastated the Cathedral of Notre Dame, symbol of Christianity in France and in the world.”

In Washington, Trump tweeted: “So horrible to watch the massive fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris” and suggested first responders use “flying water tankers” to put it out.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, said he was praying “to ask the intercession of Notre Dame, our Lady, for the Cathedral at the heart of Paris, and of civilization, now in flames! God preserve this splendid house of prayer, and protect those battling the blaze.”

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OBITUARIES

Rita Marie (Smith) Brewer

Rita Marie Smith Brewer, 73, of Amarillo died unexpectedly Friday, April 12, 2019.

Visitation will be held today from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 17 in the Historic First Baptist Church with Dr. Howard Batson officiating. Burial will be private. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia.

Mrs. Brewer was born April 10, 1946 in Topeka, Kansas, to Leonard and Myrtle Smith. She wed Gerald Brewer on September 2, 1967. They had a daughter, Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz, on September 24, 1972.

Rita graduated from Tascosa High School. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State University and taught elementary school for several years. She later returned to WTSU to earn certification as a school librarian. Rita's career in public school education spanned the Amarillo, Bushland, and River Road school districts.

Rita was predeceased by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include a daughter, Dr. Stephanie



Rita Marie Brewer

1946-2019

Jozefowicz and husband Dr. James Jozefowicz of Indiana, Pa., and a granddaughter, Abigail Jozefowicz of Indiana, Pa.

The family suggests memorials be to Rociada Baptist Church, P.O. Box 747, Rociada, NM 87742; or Show Hope, P.O. Box 647, Franklin, TN 37065.

Online condolences may be shared at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com



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Judy Glenn

Judy Glenn, 77, of Amarillo died Sunday, April 14, 2019. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Cox Funeral Home Chapel, 4180 Canyon Drive. Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Wellington. Judy was born February 28, 1942 in Wellington, Texas to Tommy Lou and Gene Glenn. She graduated from West Texas State University with a bachelors in Accounting. After graduation she began her career in Amarillo as a self-employed CPA, retiring in 2004. She was a member of The American Institute of CPA's and The Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of CPA's. In her spare time Judy enjoyed traveling, cooking and visiting with her family and friends; she especially adored her great niece and nephew. Judy was fond of her farmhouse outside Wellington and had many happy memories observing the wildlife there. The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Guley, Dr. Holloway, Patsy Sims, Joyce Wilson, Ann Vaughn, Pam Nash and BSA Hospice of SW for their loving care of Judy.



Judy Glenn

1942-2019

She was preceded in death by, her parents and brothers, Mike and Pat Glenn.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Sue Adams; a nephew, Ricky Adams; a great-niece Edie Ava Adams and great-nephew, Aydyn Alexander Andreu.

The family suggest that memorials be made to The Collingsworth County Museum - 824 E. Avenue Wellington, Texas 79095



Amarillo Globe-News, April 16, 2019

Scott Rice

Scott Rice, 64, of Hart, Texas passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2019 in Lubbock, Texas. Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 2:00PM in the First Baptist Church of Hart with Rev. Donna Lindley and Dr. Gene Meacham officiating. Burial will follow in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at the funeral home.

Scott was born on August 5, 1954 in Littlefield, Texas to L.J. Rice and Dixie Joyce (Carter) Rice. Scott was raised in Hart, Texas and graduated from Hart High School. He worked for Dimmitt Sulphur Products for 24 years in Dimmitt. Scott enjoyed listening to gospel music, watching western movies, and shooting guns. Scott was very devoted on taking care of his mother before her passing and will always be remembered as a very caring person.

Scott is survived by a brother, Danny Rice of Nazareth, TX, sister, Robbie Grossman and husband Leo of Hart, TX, nieces, Kimberlea Coleman and husband Chris of Fayetteville, NC, Kande Grossman and boyfriend Eric Montes of Lubbock, TX, Tisha Gerber and husband



Scott Rice

1954-2019

Marty of Nazareth, TX and Brandi Rice and husband, John Foley of El Paso, TX, nephews, Ramey Rice and wife Jennifer of Dimmitt, TX and Jay Grossman of Hart, TX along with 7 great-nieces.

Scott is preceded in death by his parents and a sister-in-law, Shelly Rice.

The family has requested memorials be made to the Hart Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 193, Hart, Texas 79043.

Please sign the online guestbook at colonialfuneralhome.org



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AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

Services Today

Lee Chad Gillispie of Amarillo died April 12, 2019. The funeral service will be 4 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at Hillside Christian Church.

Nancy "Mama Nana" Ellen Kirksey Jeffus, 90, of Amarillo died April 12, 2019. Services will be 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Llano Cemetery.

Yvonne Koontz of Amarillo died April 12, 2019. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at Trinity Baptist Church, 16011-40. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Services Scheduled

Patsy Askew, 78, of Amarillo died April 13, 2019. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive. Cox Funeral Home.

Zeola Clements, of Amarillo died April 11, 2019. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Griggs Schooler Gordon Funeral Directors.

Frances Adeline Ferrell, 96, of McKinney died April 11, 2019. Services will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Llano Cemetery. Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Joshua Glen Gill, 34, of Amarillo died April 13, 2019. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Griggs Schooler Gordon Funeral Director's Pioneer Chapel, 5400 Bell. Griggs Schooler Gordon Funeral Directors.

Anita June Humble, 56, of Amarillo died April 12, 2019. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019, at the Sam Houston Park Gazebo. Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Irmgard Ottile Utsey, 87, of Amarillo died April 12, 2019. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Coulter Road Chapel. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery. LaGrone-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Martin Smith, of Amarillo died April 9, 2019. Visitation will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Griggs Schooler Gordon Funeral Directors, 5400 Bell St. Griggs Schooler Funeral Home.

Herman Dell Wallar, 81, of Amarillo died April 13, 2019. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Griggs Schooler Gordon Funeral Director's Pioneer Chapel, 5400 Bell St. Griggs Schooler Gordon Funeral Directors.

Laurell Cossette Weidner, of Follett died Dec. 28, 2018. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019, at the Fairview Cemetery in Follett. Scotty Schilling Funeral Directors in Follett.

Deborah Theresa West, 63, of Amarillo died April 13, 2019. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Burial to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Services Pending

Cora Jean Cavitt, 88, of Amarillo died April 14, 2019. Services are pending with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Amarillo.com/obituaries

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For more information please call (806) 345-3378 or email us at obits@amarillo.com.

IN BRIEF

HOUSTON Garage catches fire at George Foreman's home

Authorities say an accidental fire in a garage at the Texas home of former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman damaged the garage and several vehicles, but caused no injuries.

A spokeswoman for the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, Rachel Moreno, says the Sunday night blaze didn't spread beyond the garage. She says smoke and water damaged some of the approximately 40 vehicles inside. Moreno said the fire started on a golf cart.

Foreman later tweeted, "Don't worry all is well." He thanked firefighters who responded to the home in Huffman, an unincorporated community in the Houston area.

WASHINGTON US terror label for Iran's Guard takes effect

The U.S. terrorism label for Iran's Revolutionary Guard formally took effect on Monday, amid a battle between the Trump administration and some in Congress over waivers on oil and nuclear sanctions that are due to expire or be extended early next month.

The Guard's formal designation as a "foreign terrorist organization" — the first-ever for an entire division of another government — kicked in with a notice published in the Federal Register.

The Associated Press

Pulitzers honor coverage of three US mass shootings in 2018

By Jennifer Peltz and Stephen R. Groves

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The South Florida Sun Sentinel and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette won Pulitzer Prizes on Monday and were recognized along with the Capital Gazette of Annapolis, Maryland, for their coverage of three horrifying mass shootings in 2018 at a high school, a synagogue and a newsroom itself.

The Associated Press won in the international reporting category for documenting the humanitarian horrors of Yemen's civil war, while The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal received Pulitzers for delving into President Donald Trump's finances and breaking open the hush-money scandals involving two women who said they had affairs with him.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel won the Pulitzer in public service for its coverage of the massacre that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and for detailing the shortcomings in school discipline and security that contributed to the carnage.

The Post-Gazette received the prize in the breaking news category for its reporting on the synagogue shooting rampage that left 11 people dead. The man awaiting trial in the attack railed against Jews before, during and after the massacre, authorities said. After the Pulitzer announcement, the newsroom observed a moment of silence for the victims.

"We are not so much celebrating as affirming ... the job we were put on this earth to do," David Schribman, the now-retired executive editor who led the coverage, told the newsroom.

The Capital Gazette was given a special citation for its coverage and courage in the face of a massacre in its own newsroom. The newspaper published on schedule the day after the shooting claimed five staffers' lives, in one of the deadliest attacks on journalists in U.S. history.

The man charged in the shooting had a longstanding grudge against the paper. The Pulitzer board awarded Capital Gazette an extraordinary \$100,000 grant to further its journalism.

The Pulitzers, U.S. journalism's highest honor, reflected a year when journalism increasingly came under attack in other ways.

Reuters won an international reporting award for work that cost two of its staffers their liberty: shedding light on a brutal crackdown on Rohingya Muslims by security forces in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

Reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo are serving a seven-year sentence after being convicted of violating the country's Official Secrets Act. Their supporters say the two were framed in retaliation for their reporting.

The AP's international reporting prize went to a team of journalists who spent a year documenting atrocities and suffering in Yemen, illuminating the human toll of its four-year-old civil war.

As a result of the work by reporter Maggie Michael, photographer Nariman El-Mofty and video journalist Maad al-Zikry, at least 80 prisoners were released from secret detention sites, and the United Nations rushed food and medicine to areas where the AP revealed that people were starving while corrupt officials diverted

international food aid.

Staffers broke out into applause at the AP's headquarters in New York, as Michael and al-Zikry watched via video screens from various locales.

"This is a story that everybody was not really paying good attention, and we're very happy to be able to draw some attention to it," Michael said.

In the U.S., journalists have been contending with attacks on the media's integrity from the president on down. Trump has branded coverage of his administration "fake news" and assailed the media as the "enemy of the people."

Monday's wins by the Times and The Wall Street Journal may provoke further ire from the president, who recently suggested the Times and The Washington Post should be stripped of the Pulitzers they won last year for coverage of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Attorney General William Barr announced last month that special counsel Robert Mueller's nearly two-year investigation found no evidence that Trump or his campaign colluded with Moscow to sway the vote.

This year, the Times was recognized for laying out how a president who has portrayed himself as a largely self-made man has, in fact, received over \$400 million in family money and helped his family avoid hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes.

Trump, who has broken with presidential precedent by refusing to release his income tax returns, has called the Times expose a false "hit piece."

The Journal revealed last year that then-candidate Trump's personal lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen had paid \$130,000 in the run-up to his 2016 election to silence porn star Stormy Daniels, who said she had an affair with Trump.

Federal prosecutors have said Trump directed Cohen to make the payments to quash a potential campaign-season sex scandal. Trump has said the payments were a private matter unrelated to his presidential bid.

Earlier, the Journal disclosed that the National Enquirer's parent company reached a \$150,000 deal to pay former Playboy centerfold Karen McDougal for her story of an affair with Trump. Trump has denied having affairs with either woman.

The Los Angeles Times took the investigative reporting prize for stories that revealed hundreds of sexual abuse accusations against a recently retired University of Southern California gynecologist. The university recently agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit by paying \$215 million to potentially thousands of female students and alumni examined by Tyndall, who has denied the allegations and has not been charged with any crime.

The local reporting prize went to The Advocate of Louisiana for work that led to a state constitutional amendment abolishing Louisiana's unusual practice of allowing non-unanimous jury verdicts in felony trials. The split-verdict rule was blamed for contributing to racial disparities in a state where black people make up about one-third of the population but two-thirds of prisoners.

ProPublica won the feature reporting award for what the judges described as "powerful, intimate narratives" about Salvadoran immigrants affected by a federal crackdown on the MS-13 gang.

BUSINESS

WHAT TO WATCH FOR TODAY

- Federal Reserve releases industrial production for March.

MARKET WATCH

Dow	26,384.77	▼	27.53
Nasdaq	7,976.01	▼	8.15
S&P	2,905.58	▼	1.83
Russell	1,579.17	▼	5.63
NYSE	12,956.69	▼	12.85

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1,286.80	▼	3.80
Silver	14.948	▲	.028
Platinum	890.20	▼	3.00
Copper	2.9340	▼	.0120
Oil	63.40	▼	0.49

MARKET MOVERS

• **Electronics For Imaging Inc., up \$8.60 to \$38:** The digital printing company is being bought by private equity firm Siris Capital Group LLC for about \$1.7 billion.

• **Alliance Data Systems Corp., down \$16.89 to \$164.04:** Publicis Groupe will buy the data collection and marketing services company's Epsilon business for about \$4.4 billion.

BRIEF CASE

BRUSSELS EU moves to limit focus of trade talks with US

The European Union approved Monday its terms for negotiating a new trade deal with the United States, but set up a possible show-down with Washington by refusing to include agricultural products in the talks.

Making public the mandate for the EU's executive commission to conduct negotiations on their behalf, the bloc's member countries said that the new deal will focus exclusively on eliminating tariffs on industrial goods.

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said the commission wants to wrap the talks up within six months, and that she would contact her U.S. counterpart Robert Lighthizer later Monday to work out when formal negotiations might begin.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY Former Volkswagen CEO charged with fraud

German prosecutors charged former Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn and four others with fraud in the emissions cheating scandal that has helped turn many Europeans against diesel engines and accelerated the push toward electric cars.

Prosecutors said Monday that Winterkorn knew about the scheme since at least May 2014 and failed to put a stop to it.

That contradicted his claim that he didn't learn about it until shortly before U.S. investigators announced it in September 2015. Winterkorn resigned as CEO five days later.

NEW YORK Best Buy names CEO as Hubert Joly steps down

The executive credited with reviving a struggling Best Buy is stepping aside.

Hubert Joly, 59, is handing leadership of the reinvigorated electronics retailer to longtime executive Corie Barry, 43, as part of the company's succession plan effective June 11. Barry, who is currently the company's chief financial and strategic transformation officer, will become the fifth CEO in Best Buy's 53-year history and the company's first female CEO.

Joly will become executive chairman of the board after stepping down.

The Associated Press



In this Jan. 4, 2018, file photo, a worker adds cannabidiol (CBD) to a drink at a coffee shop in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (JENNIFER LETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL VIA AP, FILE)

Just relax, man

Mainstream retailers embrace marijuana's less taboo cousin

By Anne D'Innocenzio

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's showing up in everything from skin creams to bath balms to dog treats — an elixir that can supposedly reduce anxiety and help you sleep.

The ingredient? CBD, or cannabidiol, a compound derived from hemp and marijuana that doesn't cause a high.

Mainstream retailers are taking advantage of a sudden boom in the industry even as CBD's health benefits remain murky amid a patchwork of state and local laws. And the flood of products is only testing how federal regulators can police it.

Retail sales of CBD consumer products in 2018 were estimated to reach as much as \$2 billion, according to Cowen & Co. By 2025, that figure could hit \$16 billion in retail sales, the investment firm predicts.

Domestic diva Martha Stewart is working with Canada's Canopy Growth Corp. to develop new CBD products. And the nation's largest mall owner Simon Property Group has hooked up with a cannabis goods maker to open roughly 100 kiosks at

its U.S. malls by mid-summer.

Authentic Fitness is planning to sell CBD foot creams, oils and soaps under the Nine West brand starting this fall. And CVS Health is beginning to sell CBD-infused creams, sprays, lotions and salves at more than 800 stores in seven states; drug store rivals Walgreens and Rite Aid are now following suit.

Even high-end retailers are getting in on the action, charging anywhere from \$12 to \$150 an ounce. Barneys New York has opened a shop in Beverly Hills, California, that sells CBD-infused creams along with hand blown glass bongos and other accessories, while Neiman Marcus is now offering an array of CBD-infused beauty products from balms, lotions soaps and masks in five of its stores.

"There's definitely a huge opportunity for expansion," said Matthew Mazzucca, creative director at Barneys New York.

He acknowledged, however, the legal hurdles are still hard to navigate and companies should take it slow.

Indeed, some are doing just that. Walmart says it doesn't have plans to carry CBD-infused products at this time and Target, which in 2017 sold hemp extract products on its website but then quickly yanked them, said it's monitoring the situation.

Meanwhile, online behemoth Amazon is staying clear of the stuff. Spokeswoman Cecilia Fan says the company prohibits the sale of products that contain CBD and will remove them from its site if it sees them.

CBD's ubiquity persists despite very little evidence for all the health claims the industry touts. If you believe in the hype, CBD treats pain, reduces anxiety and helps you sleep and keeps you focused.

But most claims are based on studies in rats, mice or in test tubes. Human research has been done but on small numbers of people.

Only drugs that have been reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as safe and effective can make claims that they treat or prevent diseases or medical conditions. Many CBD producers try to get around that by using vague language about general health and well-being.

That seems to be good enough for at least some shoppers eager to calm their nerves.

"We are a more anxious society and people are looking for cures," said Kit Yarrow, a consumer psychologist and professor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. "There's a growing distrust in business and pharma and so people are wanting to find cures that seem more real and wholesome."

Europe looks to remold internet with new copyright rules

By Kelvin Chan

The Associated Press

LONDON — The European Union has approved a copyright overhaul that aims to give more protection to artists and news organizations but which critics say will stifle freedom of speech and online creativity and punish smaller web companies.

Artists, celebrities and tech experts have spoken out both in favor and against the EU directive, which the 28 member states are required to adopt as law and got final approval from the European Council Monday.

Here's a look at key issues.

What does the directive say?

The most vigorously debated part of the legislation is a section that makes companies responsible for making sure that copyrighted material isn't uploaded to their platforms without permission from the original creator. It puts the legal onus on platforms to prevent copyright infringement but critics say it will end up having a chilling effect on freedom of expression on the internet and could result in censorship.

Another section of the bill that caused concern requires search

engines and social media sites to pay for linking to or offering up snippets of news articles.

How will it affect internet platforms?

Some sites would be forced to license music or videos. If not, sites would have to make sure they don't have unauthorized copyrighted material. Critics worry that could lead to costly automatic filtering. And paying for links could create further costs.

That could give tech giants an edge over smaller companies.

How will it shape internet content?

Critics say it could act as censorship and change internet culture.

They say the automatic filters are blunt instruments, deleting some material that should be allowed online. YouTube has warned of unintended consequences, saying that in cases where copyright is uncertain, it would have to block videos to avoid liability.

Some consumers worry that the new rules would bring an end to parodies and viral internet "memes" that have powered online culture and are often

based on or inspired by existing songs or movies or other content. The EU denies this.

"The new law makes everyone a loser," said Julia Reda, a lawmaker with the Pirate Party, which campaigns for freedom of information online. "Artists, authors and small publishers will not get their fair remuneration and internet users will have to live with limited freedoms. Artistic diversity has made the Internet colorful, but unfortunately the copyright directive will make the Internet duller."

Will it help content creators?

It depends on whom you ask. The music industry and other groups that collect royalties say the revamp will help give writers, artists and creators more protection of their rights and incomes, by requiring tech giants such as Apple, Facebook and Google to pay them more for their work.

Some authors and artists fear they won't earn significantly more money but their creativity will be stifled. Google estimates it has paid out more than \$3 billion to rights holders through its Content ID system, which was created in 2007.

S&P falls to rare loss, hurt by banks

By Stan Choe

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes edged lower on Monday, pulled down by sinking bank stocks, and the S&P 500 fell for just the third time in the last three weeks.

Goldman Sachs recorded one of the largest losses in the S&P 500 after describing a "muted start to the year," even though its earnings for the first quarter still beat analysts' expectations. Citigroup also slipped following its earnings report, as banks lead off a quarterly reporting season that analysts expect to be the weakest in nearly three years.

The S&P 500 lost 1.83 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,905.58. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 27.53, or 0.1 percent, to 26,384.77, and the Nasdaq composite lost 8.15, or 0.1 percent, to 7,976.01. The Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks dropped 5.63, or 0.4 percent, to 1,579.17.

The S&P 500 nevertheless remains within 0.9 percent of its record following its torrid start to the year, after the Federal Reserve said it may not raise interest rates at all in 2019.

"I think we're going to see equities continue to confound their critics and advance," said Margie Patel, senior portfolio manager at Wells Fargo Asset Management.

She expects growth for both the economy and corporate earnings to reaccelerate later this year, in large part because of the Federal Reserve's pledge to hit pause on interest rate hikes. That follows seven increases in the last two years, including the last one in December, that raised worries about a possible recession and helped send the S&P 500 to a nearly 20 percent loss at one point.

"If you look through history, recessions have been precipitated by the Federal Reserve tightening and causing recessions — telling banks, 'Don't make loans' and pulling out liquidity," she said. "This time, they got right up to the brink, and when the market had that violent reaction in December, that made them rethink their approach."

Optimism has also grown that the U.S. and China can resolve their trade dispute. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Saturday that the world's two largest economies were moving closer to an agreement.

Some of the market's biggest losses Monday came from the financial sector. Lighter trading activity during the first three months of the year meant that Goldman Sachs' revenue fell short of analysts' estimates, and its shares lost 3.8 percent.

Like Goldman Sachs, Citigroup also reported stronger profit for the first three months than analysts expected. But its stock slipped 0.1 percent.

Alliance Data Systems sank to the largest loss in the S&P 500 after it agreed to sell its Epsilon business to Publicis Groupe for \$4.4 billion in cash, less than what some analysts had valued the business at. Alliance Data Systems lost 9.3 percent.

ADVICE&PUZZLES

ACROSS

1 Not against

4 "Wheel" buy (2 wds.)

7 Manner

11 Mouths

12 In — (as found)

14 While away

15 Swiss peak

16 Penn or Connery

17 Get beaten

18 Occult

20 Went under

22 Compass pt.

23 Pass near Pikes Peak

24 Sphinx locale

27 Roughly

30 Furrow makers

31 Potter's oven

32 "Wow!"

34 Perched

35 Basketball hoops

36 Position of leadership

37 Sofas

39 Hawthorne's town

40 Corgi's cry

41 I, in Bonn

42 Sound system

45 Put on board

49 BMW rival

50 Animal's home

52 Kind of system

53 Writer — Rice

54 Mongol ruler

55 Jacket part

56 Form droplets

57 TV spots

58 Paris street

DOWN

1 Suds

2 Busy

3 European airport

4 Knocks

5 Lend a hand

6 Reunion attendee

7 — — snail's pace

8 Setting

8 "White Wedding" singer

9 "So what — is new?"

10 Necessity

13 Opens, as a flag

19 Recipe amts.

21 Egyptian sun god

24 Codgers' queries

25 Egg on

26 Sherpa's sighting

27 Targets

28 Playwright — Coward

29 Allot

31 Family members

33 Sound of deep thought

35 Cooked just slightly

36 Big laugh (hyph.)

38 Fluctuated

39 Looks down on

41 Helen of Troy's story

42 Auto import

43 Adjust a piano

44 Ferber or Millay

46 Precious

47 Pantyhose shade

48 Taj Mahal feature

51 Caught ya!

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	I	P		T	A	R	E		T	A	B
O	D	E	S		E	L	A	N		E	V
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DEAR ABBY

Girl with Asperger's gets little attention from dad



Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby: My husband is more interested in hanging out with his friends than caring about our 11-year-old daughter who has Asperger's syndrome. She's a great kid and smart, but she has challenges and needs help. It falls to me to do everything with and for her.

I need him to participate more where she's concerned, but he loses patience with her and with me. He resents having to pay for therapy and music lessons for her (she loves music), but he had no hesitation about buying himself an expensive sports car — not for us but for him. He's actually going away for a weekend with his buddies!

I've thought about marriage counseling, but he isn't interested. I feel overwhelmed and very alone. Please help. — Like a Single Mom in San Francisco

Dear Like a Single Mom: I'll try. Forgive my

sarcasm, but it appears you married a real "winner" — selfish and lacking the compassion and maturity to deal with the challenges your family is facing. Because your husband is unwilling to go with you for marriage counseling, you would benefit from talking to a licensed therapist on your own. When you do, it may give you a broader perspective on what your options are.

Dear Abby: Eight years ago, my mother, then age 86, came to live with me. My life has changed substantially in the last two years, and I need to move to another state. My husband already lives there, and I want to be with him. My mother's anxieties and fears are what's holding me back.

I have told her she can live with us there, or at a brand-new assisted living facility that's about to open in the town. Alternatively, she could move back to our hometown where my retired sister lives and stay in an assisted living facility there. Her remaining in this city is not an option because I'm the only person she knows here, and it's eight hours

from where I will be.

Conversations with her on this subject are difficult as she prefers to ignore them, choosing only to consider her own needs. Her overall health is manageable, and she's doing well cognitively. She has not been hospitalized in two years. What do I do? — Taking Care in Florida

Dear Taking Care: Continue moving forward with your plans to relocate to be with your husband. Tell your mother you are giving her the choice of whether to reside with you or near your sister, but make clear she must make up her mind because you need to know whether you will have to accommodate her in your new home. Give her a deadline to let you know her preference, but if she refuses, make sure she understands that by default she'll be living near your sister.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Autism Awareness in April



Heloise

Dear Readers: April is Autism Awareness Month. Autism is the term for a group of developmental impairments that can cause people to have difficulty interacting with others. Its symptoms can include avoiding eye contact, having sensitivity to light and sound, and exhibiting repetitive mannerisms and motions,

among many others.

Early diagnosis is key; look for these behaviors in your child or grandchild. Visit www.autismspeaks.org for helpful information, resources and support. There's also a toll-free telephone line, 888-AUTISM2 (888-288-4762), for general questions and hints to help. — Heloise

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com.



Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned that if you are on opening lead with the ace and king in a suit both you and your partner bid, you lead the king, not the ace.

I had never heard about this until it was mentioned to me by Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island. But it is an excellent idea, primarily because this is a situation when starting with

an unsupported ace is likely. As an example, look only at the West hand. What would you lead against four spades after the given auction? What happens after that?

East's jump to three hearts was pre-emptive, showing four trumps and a weak hand. (With at least game-invitational values, he would have responded two no-trump, the Truscott convention that is often called Jordan.) North's raise to four spades was aggressive.

West has an unclear lead. Some would choose the club queen, but declarer then takes the first 10 tricks. Suppose

West selects the heart ace. If that promises the ace and the king, East will encourage because he has the queen. However, since both East and West bid hearts, West's ace-lead denies the king. So, East discourages with his heart three.

Now West sees only one chance. He should shift to the diamond jack! Here, that allows the defenders to take the first four tricks.

Why not cash the diamond ace (denying the king) at trick two? Because after East encourages with the nine, West continues with the diamond

North 04-16-19

♠ A J 8

♥ 7 2

♦ Q 5 4

♣ A K 10 6 3

West

♠ 9 3 2

♥ A J 10 8 5

♦ A J 10

♣ Q J

East

♠ 6 5

♥ Q 9 4 3

♦ K 9 7 2

♣ 8 7 2

South

♠ K Q 10 7 4

♥ K 6

♦ 8 6 3

♣ 9 5 4

Dealer: West

Vulnerable: East-West

South

West

North

East

3♠

1♥

Dbl.

3♥

Pass

4♣

All Pass

Opening lead: ??

jack, and dummy plays low, East might think West started with only two diamonds. If so, East must overtake with his king and give his partner a ruff.

BRIDGE

The partnership suit changes the lead

WORD SCRIMMAGE™

BY JUDD HAMBRICK

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1st DOWN

N₂ A₂ C₆ N₂ O₂ R₂ Y₇

1st Down + 50 PTS

2nd DOWN

L₂ T₂ G₃ S₂ U₃ E₁ S₂

2nd Down + 40 PTS

3rd DOWN

A₂ E₁ A₂ R₂ U₃ U₃ Z₁₄

2nd Letter + 6 PTS

4th DOWN

R₂ N₂ H₇ U₃ I₂ O₂ S₂

FOUR PLAY TOTAL

JUDD'S TOTAL = 356

AVERAGE GAME 225-235 PTS

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

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JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

WORD SCRIMMAGE™ SOLUTION BY JUDD HAMBRICK

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1st DOWN = 108

I₂ C₆ T₂ U₃ S₂ E₁ S₂

2nd DOWN = 83

E₁ M₃ I₂ T₂ T₂ E₁ R₂

3rd DOWN = 60

M₃ A₂ D₃ M₃ E₁ N₂

4th DOWN = 24

F₇ R₂ U₃ M₃ P₆

AVERAGE GAME 175-185 PTS

JUDD'S TOTAL = 275

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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VUMEA

PLEOE

GOACCN

PLOJYA

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXUDE TAKEN JIGSAW ISLAND

Answer: Filling in all the information on the Internal Revenue Service forms was — TAXING

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

YW CESXM'W KULS KTRP

CYIISVSMRS NPUW FET XWTCF

UX AEMO UX FET CEM'W AYLS

YW. — IYMASF CTMMS

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: GREAT SOULS HAVE WILLS; FEEBLE ONES HAVE ONLY WISHES. — CHINESE PROVERB

ASTROGRAPH

By Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Pick your battles carefully. You have plenty to gain if you are steadfast, industrious and to the point. Keep idle chatter to a minimum and focus on your objective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Lessons from the past will help you recognize the possibilities heading your way. Spend time with the people you love and care about most. Romance is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Watch what others are doing. If you are aware of what's going on around you, it will be easier to deter others from manipulating or taking advantage of you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Home and family should be your priorities. How you use your time will affect the way someone treats you. Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Channel your energy into something constructive to improve your chances to advance. Consider your options and choose the one that is most reliable and affordable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your intuition won't let you down. Follow your heart when dealing with loved ones. Use discipline to offset excessive behavior. Romance will improve your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Make choices and stick to your plans. You are best off being secretive until you feel satisfied with what you have accomplished. Don't let criticism discourage you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You don't have to spend money or overdo it to have a good time. Hang out with people who stimulate you intellectually and those who encourage you to be and do your best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Consider how to best use your skills and experience to combat someone interfering in your affairs. Stay in control, and don't share personal information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Get ready to make your move. Take advantage of an opportunity that will increase your earning power. Don't rely on someone else to do things for you. Take charge and finish what you start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take the initiative to improve your surroundings. Get involved in activities or joint ventures that can offer equality and high returns for everyone involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — When in doubt, ask questions and be honest. If you let a situation escalate, someone will goad you into an emotional argument. Stick to the truth, gather facts and be patient.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Who is serving in the military of today?

The Army fell short of its recruiting goals in fiscal year 2018 for the first time since 2005. Army leaders say they missed the target number of 76,500 new soldiers by about 6,500. The National Guard and the Army Reserves also missed goals. Both the Navy and Marine made their goals.

Maj. Gen. Joe Calloway, director of the Army’s personnel directorate, blames the shortfall on the booming economy and competition from private sector companies who can offer higher pay. The shortfall creates a dilemma for the largest branch of the American military, especially since Army plans call for adding another 500,000 troops by 2024. The worrisome disparity between meeting the required end strength and the actual number of warm bodies recruited has spurred intense scrutiny of current recruiting practices.

To address the problem, more soldiers have been assigned to recruiting duty and new advertising campaigns that target online gamers have been developed. In March, the service announced it soon would be sending recruiters to places where few recruiters have gone before — inside 22 left-leaning American cities. Maj. Gen. Frank Muth, the head of Army Recruiting Command, told The New York Times, “We want to go into Boston, Pittsburgh, Kansas City. These are places with a large number of youth who just don’t know what the military is about.”

The sizzling economy and recruiting shortfall were topics of conversation at a recent social event. One individual commented that the growth of the private sector job market and shortfall of military applicants is going to force the military services to lower their enlistment standards. Army leadership insists that is not going to happen. Let’s hope not. Today’s U.S. armed services have the smartest, best-trained and healthiest troops in the world. But that dinner conversation did raise some questions about exactly who is serving in the United States military today.

According to the lengthy report “Population Representation in the Military Services: Fiscal Year 2017 Summary Report” from CNA, a nonprofit research and analysis organization in Arlington, Virginia, American military members serving today exceed the Department of Defense’s recruit quality benchmarks. The Armed Forces Qualification Test — a nationally normed aptitude test of math and verbal skills administered to all applicants — determines if one meets established qualifications for enlistment.

The military, on average, also is better educated than the general population. Overall, 98 percent of enlisted active duty troops have at least a high school diploma compared with only 88 percent of American adults. And military officers are considerably better educated than average U.S. adults. More than 80 percent of active-duty officers have at least a bachelor’s degree and 42 percent advanced degrees, compared with about 30 percent of the general population.

And as for socioeconomic representation, forget the old perception that enlisted troops come from low-income, deadbeat homes. Researchers with CNA found that most recruits come from solidly middle-class families. In fact, lower-income neighborhoods tend to be underrepresented in the military. Between 2013 and 2017, the largest group of accessions came from families with annual incomes between \$51,364 and \$63,888.

Retaining this remarkable military during a roaring economy is going to continue to be a challenge for the services. Especially given that nearly 75 percent of young Americans are ineligible for military service due to health issues, obesity, a lack of education and criminal records. But lowering standards is a bad idea. Operating today’s military weapons, aircraft and ships and other aspects of modern warfighting requires savvy and intelligent troops.

Appealing to heretofore ignored sectors of the population is smart. The military offers great education benefits, health care and job training. We wish the Army luck in getting that message across.

Richmond Times-Dispatch

VERSE OF THE DAY

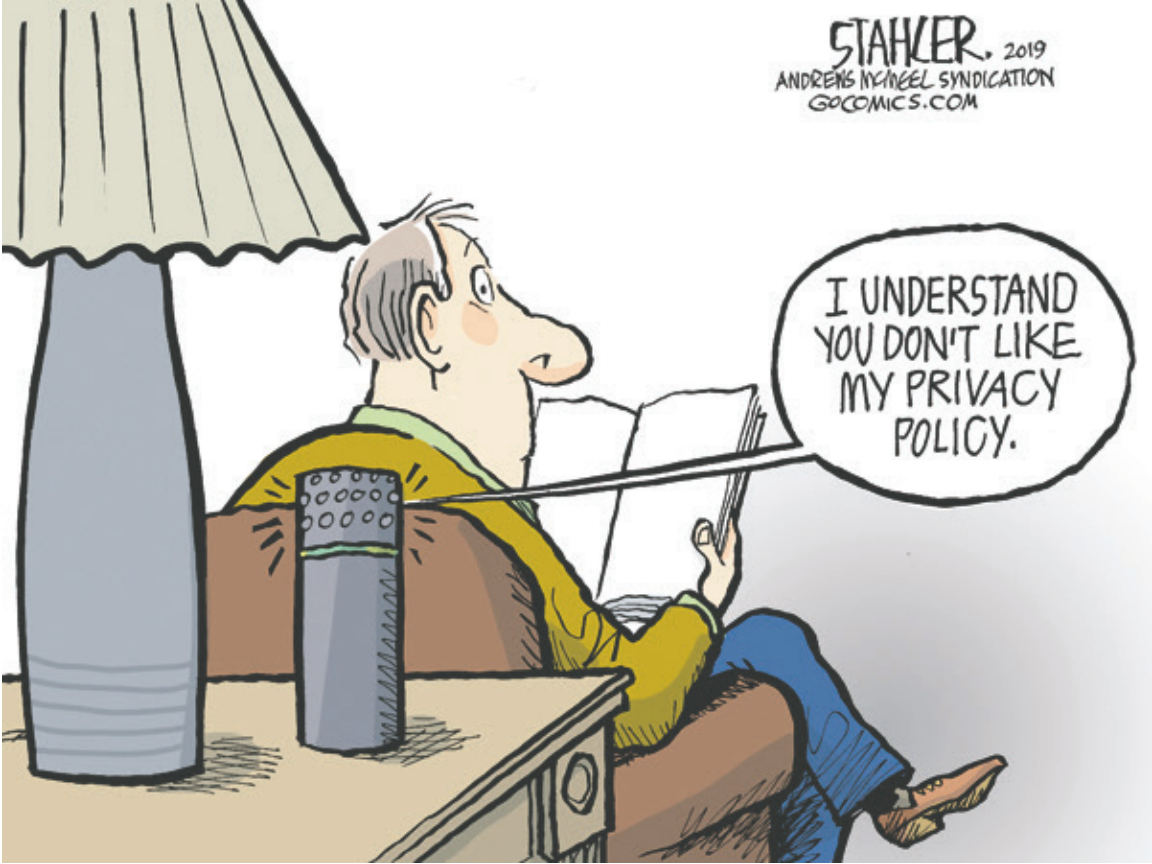
Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”

Isaiah 49:1-3

WRITE TO US

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ANOTHER VIEW



Yes, America needs walls, but the country is not ‘full’



Marc A. Thiessen

WASHINGTON
President Trump is 100 percent correct that there is a crisis on our southern border. And he is absolutely right when he says some migrants are abusing our asylum laws. But he is dead wrong when he declares, in what has become his favorite refrain, that “Our country is FULL.”

Sorry, our country is not full. Not by a long shot. The opposite is true. We need more immigrants, lots of them. In fact, no one needs immigrants more than Trump.

Today, thanks to Trump’s leadership, the U.S. economy is strong. Unemployment recently reached its lowest level in 49 years. U.S. manufacturing employment is growing at the fastest pace in nearly a quarter-century. On Trump’s watch, the unemployment rates for African Americans, Hispanics and Americans without a high school diploma have all reached the lowest points ever recorded.

The Wall Street Journal recently called this “the hottest job market in half a century,” declaring that “Workers are so scarce that, in many parts of the country, low-skill jobs are being handed out to pretty much anyone willing to take them — and high-skilled workers are in even shorter supply. All sorts of people who have previously had trouble landing a job are now finding work. Racial minorities, those with less education and people working in the lowest-paying jobs are getting bigger pay raises and, in many cases, experiencing the lowest unemployment rate ever recorded for their groups.”

In some places, unemployment is so low that employers can’t find workers to fill the jobs. There are now a record 6.5 million job openings in the United States. According to the National Federation of Independent Business, 39% of small businesses say they have a job opening they can’t fill, and 90% of business owners who hired or tried to hire workers reported few or no qualified applicants for the position. Nearly a quarter of all small-business owners report that finding qualified workers is their “single most important business problem.” And the demand for seasonal workers is so big that, when the application window for H-2B visas opened up on Jan. 1, the Labor Department’s electronic filing system for the visas crashed due to overwhelming demand. Employers requested three times as many visas as were available.

To quote my American Enterprise Institute colleague Michael R. Strain, “this is a good problem to have.” But it is a problem. If Trump wants to keep this strong economy going, and achieve his stated goal of sustained 3% growth throughout his presidency, he needs more workers.

The trouble is, the United States is not producing enough native-born workers. According to the Economic Innovation Group, 80% of U.S. counties lost prime working-age adults from 2007 through 2017. And the situation is not improving. According to Census Bureau data, our population growth rate for fiscal year 2017-2018 was 0.62% — the lowest since 1937, during the Great Depression. The U.S. population is now growing at less than replacement levels.

The decline is driven in large part by millennials, who are marrying and having children at much lower rates than previous generations. It’s ironic. Many millennials want socialism, but they are not producing the future workers

and taxpayers needed to pay for it.

The only thing stopping us from overall population decline is the arrival of immigrants, who account for about 48% of U.S. population growth. And immigration “is projected to be the primary contributor to national population growth after 2030,” the Brookings Institution reported.

So, we need more immigrants. Americans understand this. Eighty-four percent say legal immigration is good for the country, and only 29% believe it should be decreased — the lowest level since 1965. Unfortunately, Sens. Tom Cotton, R.-Ark., David Perdue, R.-Ga., and Josh Hawley, R.-Mo., have introduced legislation that would reduce legal immigration by 50% over 10 years. No doubt, our immigration system is in need of sensible reforms, such as eliminating the visa lottery system, ending chain migration and imposing a mandatory E-Verify process. But an overall reduction in immigration would be disastrous for the country. We need immigrants to stop population decline. We need immigrants to work and pay taxes that fund Social Security and Medicare for our aging population. And we need immigrants to provide the human capital for continued economic growth and prosperity. If the president wants to keep this economic boom going, he needs more people coming to the United States, not fewer.

So, yes, our shining city on a hill needs walls — because the world is a dangerous place, and we are a nation of laws. But, as President Ronald Reagan put in it his farewell address, those walls must also have doors. And the sign above those doors should read “Welcome to America” — not “Sorry, we’re full.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amarillo’s unsung heroes

I graduated from Tascosa in 1966. Of the class, one blue-eyed blonde bombshell stood out among all of us. She could dance, sing, act and was the most giving, generous person I’ve ever known. She is Vicki McLean. She went on to have wondrous accomplishments in life, from owning and teaching at her own “Miss Vicki Dance Studio,” to performing for our troops overseas with none other than Bob Hope. She never aged and never quit giving. She returned to Amarillo and has supported

the arts more than any one person I know, from ballet, to opera to theater. I never had an ounce of her talent, except for the short while I was honored to play cello with conductor Clyde Roller. She has always been my superstar and Amarillo is indeed fortunate to have her.

I went to work for Diamond Shamrock Oil and Gas as a youngster. I worked hard to become the editor of their company publications. The big break I received from King Hill followed me throughout my life to make me try harder. King was a wonderful talented writer for

McCormick Advertising and did feature articles for Accent west Magazine. He was a beloved school teacher and in his spare time promoted the museums, ballet, opera, theater and symphony. His father was a renowned artist who created the great white buffalo statue for West Texas A&M University.

To this day, Vicki and King remain active in all of the arts and promoting Amarillo. They have done more to bring and promote talent in our city than two people will ever accomplish and I salute them both.

Bunny Leathers, Amarillo

7-Day Weather Forecast

Weather provided by NewsChannel 10

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
85° / 50°	72° / 43°	65° / 39°	76° / 47°	86° / 55°	80° / 48°	78° / 46°
Breezy and warm	Not as warm, p.m. storms	A bit cooler	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and warm	Partly cloudy and warm	Mostly sunny and warm
Wind: SSW 10-20	Wind: NNW 8-16	Wind: NNW 20-30	Wind: NW 8-16	Wind: S 10-20	Wind: WSW 12-25	Wind: W 10-20

"Doppler" Dave Oliver

Local Forecast

Partly cloudy, breezy and warm again today with elevated fire danger during the afternoon. Highs in the mid-80s. Southwest winds at 15-25 mph.

85° / 50°

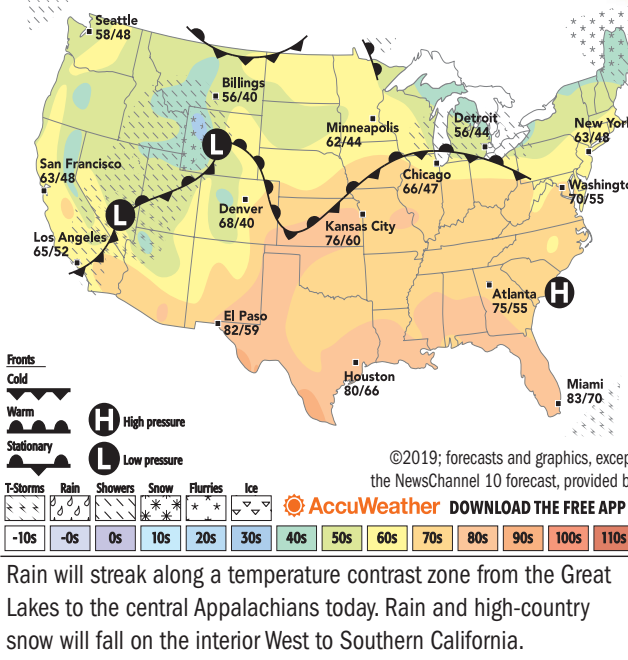
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Almanac Amarillo through 6 p.m. Monday

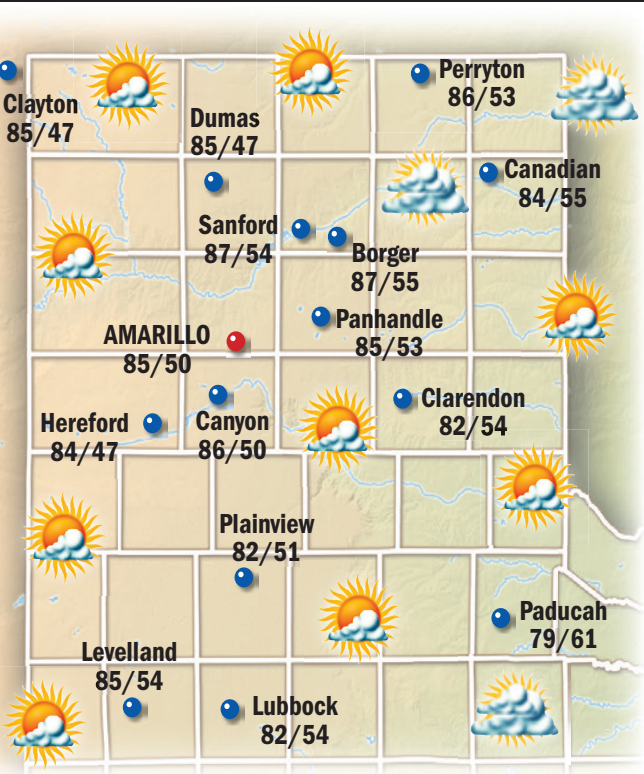
Temperature	Precipitation
High/low 86/43	24 hours ending 6 p.m. Mon. 0.00"
Normal high/low 71/41	Month to date 0.23"
Record high 93 in 1963	Normal month to date 0.63"
Record low 24 in 2014	Year to date 2.68"
Average humidity 26%	Normal year to date 3.30"
Bushland soil temperature 48	Last year to date 0.25"

National Weather

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	City	Hi/Low
Ardmore	75/63/c	Lipscomb	83/55/c
Borger	87/55/pc	Muskogee	76/63/c
Boys Ranch	83/55/c	Pampa	83/54/pc
Bushland	83/55/c	Perryton	86/53/c
Canadian	84/55/c	Portales	83/49/pc
Childress	78/58/c	Ruidoso	65/42/s
Clovis	82/48/pc	Shamrock	78/56/c
Dalhart	85/44/pc	Silverton	82/53/pc
Dumas	85/47/pc	Stinnett	86/53/pc
Groom	83/53/pc	Stratford	86/48/pc
Guymon	88/50/pc	Texhoma	87/49/pc
Happy	85/51/pc	Tucumcari	85/46/pc
Hereford	84/47/pc	Vega	85/50/pc
Lake Meredith	88/53/pc	Wheeler	80/56/c

National & World Cities

City	Hi/Low	City	Hi/Low
Albuquerque	71/45/pc	Moscow	51/31/s
Athens	65/51/t	Nassau	82/70/pc
Atlanta	75/55/s	New Orleans	80/64/s
Austin	80/66/pc	New York City	63/48/pc
Beijing	81/52/pc	Oklahoma City	73/63/c
Boston	61/42/s	Paris	56/43/r
Brownsville	85/73/pc	Philadelphia	65/50/pc
Buenos Aires	74/58/pc	Phoenix	77/56/t
Chicago	66/47/c	Rome	65/47/pc
Dallas	76/64/pc	St. Louis	80/60/pc
Denver	68/40/c	Salt Lake City	51/40/sh
Detroit	56/44/r	San Antonio	79/66/pc
Galveston	76/69/c	San Francisco	63/48/pc
Houston	80/66/c	Seattle	58/48/sh
Hong Kong	79/72/sh	Seoul	67/43/pc
Honolulu	86/71/s	Sydney	75/61/pc
Jerusalem	60/47/t	Taos	64/32/pc
Las Vegas	68/55/t	Tokyo	65/55/s
London	58/42/c	Toronto	47/32/r
Los Angeles	65/52/pc	Vancouver	55/44/r
Mexico City	84/54/s	Vienna	60/37/s
Miami	83/70/s	Washington	70/55/s
Montreal	48/29/pc	Zurich	58/44/pc

Pollen Index

Yesterday

GRASSES	TREES	MOLD	WEEDS

Source: Allergy A.R.T.S. Clinic

Agriculture Report

Partly sunny and very warm Tuesday. Winds south to southwest 12 to 25 mph. Expect 6 to 10 hours of sunshine with relative humidity 55 percent early, 20 percent in the afternoon and excellent drying conditions.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:14 a	Moonrise	5:27 p
Sunset	8:21 p	Moonset	5:48 a

Skywatch

A sprinkling of faint stars stands high in the east as night falls this evening, above brilliant Arcturus, the brightest star in that part of the sky. Those strands of stars are the main feature of Coma Berenices, the queen.

— by UT McDonald Observatory

Storms leave deaths, damage and injuries

The Associated Press

Strong storms, including at least one tornado, swept through parts of the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic region, damaging homes and businesses and causing injuries after storms in the South killed at least eight people.

Four people were killed in Texas. The other victims died in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Storms that hit Ohio on Sunday and moved into New Jersey overnight into Monday brought heavy rains, lightning, strong winds and, in Ohio, at least one tornado. The storms followed worse conditions that had swept across the South, unleashing more than a dozen confirmed tornadoes and flooding, killing at least eight people, injuring dozens and flattening much of a Texas town.

In Virginia, about an hour south of Washington, authorities said a tree fell on a house and killed a woman early Monday morning. The Stafford County Sheriff's Office said the unidentified woman, 78, had been asleep when the tree fell at 1:43 a.m. An 82-year-old man who was in the home was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life threatening.

In Shelby, Ohio, the National Weather Service said a tornado touched down Sunday. No deaths were reported, but Richland County emergency officials said that about a half-dozen homes and businesses were damaged and that at least six people were injured in the city roughly 90 miles (145 kilometers) southwest of Cleveland.

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Canyon and starting pitcher Zane Sparks have clinched the District 3-4A championship, but now they have to wait thanks to the district open date this week. [BEN JENKINS/FOR THE GLOBE-NEWS]

Eagles are champs, now have to wait

Canyon has idle time after clinching 3-4A title
By Lee Passmore
Amarillo Globe-News

The Canyon Eagles are the champions in the clubhouse in District 3-4A. Now they have

to wait.
Last week the Eagles completed their regular season, at least as far as district play goes, by routing last-place Lamesa with a pair of 10-run mercy rule wins. Canyon is 14-9-1 on the season and finished district play with a 7-1 mark.
Aside from a loss to Lubbock Estacado, it's been a perfect district season for the Eagles. They dropped down from Class 5A after last year's UIL realignment, but still faced the challenge of a new district.
"It's an exciting feeling and
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Cherono wins at Boston in sprint to tape

By Jimmy Golen
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Two-time Boston Marathon champion Lelisa Desisa turned onto Boylston Street with a sliver of a lead, leaning in front of two other runners with the finish line in sight.
Unfortunately for him, one of them was the fastest man in the field. Lawrence Cherono needed every bit of his speed to outkick Desisa in a sprint to the tape on Monday, passing him just steps away from the finish line to win the 123rd Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 7 minutes 57 seconds.
Desisa, who won in 2015 and 2013, the year the race was overshadowed by a bombing at the finish line, eased up after realizing he was beaten and finished 2 seconds back. Kenneth Kipkemoi was third, another 8 seconds behind, one of seven Kenyans in the top 10.
"It was no man's race to win," said Cherono, who had won in Seville, Prague, Honolulu and twice in Amsterdam but never in a major marathon before. "I kept on
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Tiger Woods celebrates after he won the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Georgia. [DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The Roar is restored

Tiger a major champion again, and race to Nicklaus back on
By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — No comeback by Tiger Woods was ever going to be complete without a major.
Now the question becomes how many more he can win. So much appeal of that red shirt beneath a green jacket involved looking back at all Woods had to overcome to reach that moment — a Masters champion once again — that so many thought would never happen.
The fourth surgery to rebuild his left knee. The private affairs that became public, shattering his image. The balky back that required four

more surgeries, the last one out of desperation because he could barely walk, much less play golf.
And a new generation of stars he inspired who were younger, stronger and capable. That's why Woods celebrated his 15th major like never before — fist pumps without a club in his hand, because he couldn't help himself walking off the 18th green.
"Overwhelming," he said with a voice still hoarse from all that screaming.
He went 28 majors over 11 years without winning, and no sooner did he stretch his arms into that familiar green jacket — "Ah, it fits," he said in Butler Cabin — was he asked about the 18 majors Jack Nicklaus won to set the gold standard in golf.
"I don't know if he's worried

or not," Woods said. "I'm sure he's home just chilling and watching."
Whether the record is in play, Nicklaus can expect plenty of questions. For years, he could rarely get through any conversation without someone asking him whether he thought Woods could top his mark.
"I thought for a long time that he was going to win again," Nicklaus said Sunday night on Golf Channel. "The next two majors are at Bethpage, where he has won, and at Pebble Beach, where he has won. So, he has got me shaking in my boots, guys."
The last part was delivered in jest. The first part was factual.
Woods winning his fifth Masters was not entirely out of the blue. He capped the

year of his great comeback last year by winning the Tour Championship in typical Tiger fashion, by building a lead on a tough, fast course at East Lake and not giving anyone much of a chance to catch him. He also briefly led Sunday in the British Open, and was one shot behind on the back nine at the PGA Championship.
"The win at East Lake was a big confidence booster for me because I had come close last year a couple times," Woods said. "Still have to get it across the finish line, and I didn't quite do it."
So, imagine the effect of winning the Masters, especially the way this one played out. Six players had at least a share of the lead at one point on the back nine — four of
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SEE BRETT HOFFMAN'S COLUMN FOR WEEKLY RODEO RECAP

DeRozan raises game another level for Spurs

By Pat Graham
The Associated Press

DENVER — The thinking of DeMar DeRozan before joining San Antonio: Shoot.
The mentality now: Share.
Always a skilled scorer, the 29-year-old and four-time All-Star has taken his game to another level in San Antonio by taking to the floor with a different approach — a get-teammates-even-more-involved approach.
"Spurs' way, baby," said DeRozan, whose team leads 1-0 heading into Game 2 tonight against the second-seeded Denver Nuggets.
A year under coach Gregg

Popovich has rubbed off on DeRozan, who was acquired in a deal last summer that sent Kawhi Leonard to Toronto. He's coming off a regular season in which he averaged 21.2 points, 6.2 assists and 6.0 rebounds. T
Those are the sorts of numbers no Spurs player has averaged for a season. Not David Robinson. Not Tim Duncan. Not Tony Parker. Not George Gervin.
Flattering, for sure.
"All the great players who came through this organization, the history, for me to be mentioned in something like that is definitely amazing," DeRozan said. "I'm definitely

honored for it."
All that by slightly adjusting his game. There was never a conversation he needed to do so, just a feeling.
"Trying to understand my teammates, understand the guys around me," DeRozan said. "When I did that, understand the amount of shooters I had around me, the amount of scorers I had around me, it was on me to be dominant and find those guys and maximize their skills as well."
His cast includes LaMarcus Aldridge and up-and-coming shooter Derrick White, who had a late steal and free throws
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Denver Nuggets guard Will Barton, left, defends against San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan during the first half of Game 1 of an NBA first-round playoff series Saturday in Denver. [DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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to seal Saturday’s 101-96 win at Pepsi Center. These days, DeRozan doesn’t need to hoist up a bunch of shots. In fact, he took 100 less shots this season than a year ago.

Gone are the days when he needs to erupt for 30 points to lift a team. The Spurs were 7-6 when he went for 30 or more.

In contrast, they were 18-6 when he had eight or more assists. As for his 3-point shooting, he only hit seven — his last one on Dec. 26 against Denver — as he took 242 less attempts than in ‘17-18.

“You think of him as a great scorer, a one-on-one scorer, more of a throwback player,” Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. “DeMar is a great player because he continues to evolve. ... Now you have DeMar DeRozan attacking and living in the paint, drawing a crowd. He’s making the right play, making all of his teammates better, which is a sign of growth, which is a sign of somebody who understands being a selfless player.”

The postseason hasn’t always been friendly to DeRozan. He went to the playoffs his last five seasons in Toronto, with one Eastern Conference Final to show for it.

“I had a lot of success

and a lot of fails in the playoffs,” DeRozan said. “That’s kind of like my motivation to be able to come start fresh here with a new group of guys. I have a great opportunity.”

So far, a good start for DeRozan in this version of the postseason. He played a big role in San Antonio’s win.

Sure, with his shooting (6 of 17 for 18 points), and rebounding (12) but even more with his passing (six assists, including three in the fourth quarter).

“Can’t be satisfied. Now I want to see what it’s like to be up 2-0 on the road,” DeRozan said. “That’s the mentality.”

Before his arrival in San Antonio, DeRozan thought he’d seen just about everything in hoops. But he quickly realized one thing in working with Popovich — he hasn’t.

“He gave me something that I thought, I wouldn’t say I thought I knew it all, but gave me a different perspective on the game,” said DeRozan, who notched his first career triple-double against Toronto on Jan. 3, with 21 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists. “Knowledge. Small things, from being a good teammate to sharing the ball to different ways of scoring. Just a different type of leadership that he shared with me from Day 1 that I took with me and ran with it.”

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them major champions — and there was a five-way tie for the lead when the final group was in the 15th fairway.

It was anyone’s game until Francesco Molinari, who earlier hit 8-iron in Rae’s Creek on the 12th hole for double bogey, hit a wedge off a tree limb and into the water on the par-5 15th that led to double bogey. And then it became Woods’ game — a two-putt birdie to take the lead, an 8-iron that rolled down the slope next to the hole for a signature moment at this Masters.

“Well, I can win majors now,” Woods

said with a laugh.

The PGA Championship is a month away at Bethpage Black, where Woods was dominant as ever in going wire-to-wire in the 2002 U.S. Open, and was right there with a chance in the 2009 U.S. Open except for a putter that refused to cooperate.

And then it’s the U.S. Open in June at Pebble Beach. If the Masters is the most memorable of his 15 majors, Pebble Beach remains his greatest performance.

Woods won there in 2000 by a record 15 shots, even with a triple bogey in the third round. Ten years later, he tied for fourth at the U.S. Open at Pebble, three shots behind.



Lawrence Cherono, of Kenya, breaks the tape to win the 123rd Boston Marathon in front of Lelisa Desisa, of Ethiopia, right, on Monday in Boston. [WINSLOW TOWNSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

MARATHON

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focusing. And at the end, I was the winner. I’m so grateful, so happy.”

Worknesh Degefa broke away from defending champion Des Linden and the rest of the women’s pack in the Framingham flats and ran alone for the last 20 miles to claim the \$150,000 first prize and a gilded olive wreath from Marathon, Greece.

The 28-year-old Ethiopian, who set a national record while finishing second in Dubai less than three months ago, won in 2:23:31. Kenya’s Edna Kiplagat was second, reducing a gap of more than two minutes to 42 seconds at the finish.

American Jordan Hasay was third and Linden was fifth.

“Seeing Degefa go out — you know her ability, you know what she’s done and you wonder how it translates to this

course,” Linden said. “But when she starts putting down those super quick miles, you say ‘All right, this is her race to lose.’ She becomes the outlier and you let her just go and hope that she might come back.”

She didn’t.

Instead, she became the eighth Ethiopian woman to win the race and the third in seven years. A half marathon specialist, Degefa had never seen the Boston course before Monday.

“Last year, I watched all the marathon coverage,” she said. “I kept that in my mind.”

One year after an icy rain and a near-gale headwind resulted in the slowest winning times in four decades, race organizers again prepared for the foul New England weather. But overnight thunderstorms moved on before the runners left Hopkinton; the sun even made an appearance about halfway through.

Linden took advantage of last year’s storm

to splash her way to the first win for an American woman since 1985.

But with conditions back to normal, so were the results: East Africans from Kenya and Ethiopia dominating the podiums. At the 30K mark the lead pack was still close to a dozen and included three of the last four champions: Desisa, 2016 winner Geoffrey Kirui and ‘17 champ Lemi Berhanu Hayle.

“I was afraid of the guy who won two years ago. After he dropped out, I decided to win,” said Desisa, who did not finish in either of the last two years. “I tried at the last, I saw (Cherono) suddenly, then I couldn’t control the pace.”

A field of 30,000 runners followed the elites, ditching their trash bags and ponchos on the Hopkinton Green before embarking on the 26.2-mile trek from Hopkinton to Copley Square. It’s the first time the race has been run on April 15 since the 2013 attacks; officials

held a ceremony at 2:49 p.m. to honor those killed and maimed by the two pressure cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line.

Daniel Romanchuk, 20, became the youngest-ever men’s wheelchair champion in Boston, finishing in 1:21:36 for the fastest time ever for an American. Manuela Schar won the women’s wheelchair race for the second time, adding it to her titles in Berlin, Chicago, New York and Tokyo.

If she wins in London in two weeks, she will have swept the World Marathon Major series.

“I was just really happy that the weather turned out to be actually really nice,” said Schar, who set a course record in 2017. “When we drove to that starting line, it looked really really bad and I was worried because last year was still in our heads, and I had a really bad experience last year. Today I would say (was) unfinished business.”

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I’m happy for the kids to be in this position,” Canyon coach John Doan said. “We had a really tough tournament schedule and the kids have really benefited from it. We really didn’t know what we were getting into in this district but we knew were getting into a competitive district.”

Yet, such success shouldn’t be considered a surprise. The Eagles returned hitting talent such as Brett Cobb, Clay Artho and Cash Hamby, and have a strong 1-2 pitching punch in Zane Sparks and Cade Olson.

There’s a catch to winning the district, though. Canyon drew the district’s open date this week, and while the other four teams will fight to determine playoff positioning, the Eagles won’t be playing any games of consequence this week.

In fact, they won’t play a significant game until after May 1, when the bidistrict playoffs open. That’s because next week the entire district is off too in case there need to be games played to resolve playoff spots.

The Eagles will play Borger this Friday and Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Christian over the next two weeks just to keep from gathering rust.

“We do have a few games scheduled and they’re competitive games,” Doan said. “I think over the next few weeks and in those games we can do a few fundamental things.”

Having to wait so long to play meaningful games harks back to the beginning of the season, when the Eagles scrimmaged each other to determine personnel and get ready for district play. There will be an intersquad series, but Doan knows that has its limitations.

“I don’t know that you can ever duplicate in a scrimmage the type of situations you see in the postseason but we’re sure going to try,” Doan said.

Who’s in, who’s close: The only other metro team who has clinched a playoff spot besides Canyon is Amarillo High. The Sandies beat Palo Duro 11-0 in District 3-5A last Friday to clinch a playoff berth at 20-6-1 and 12-1 in district and with one more win, they’ll clinch the district title and No. 1 playoff seed.

The only other metro team with a shot in 3-5A is Randall (16-12, 6-6), who sits in fifth place, a game and a half outside of a playoff spot. The Raiders visit Plainview (11-14, 5-7) at 6 p.m. today, and the loser will likely be eliminated from contention.

In District 1-3A, Bushland (14-14-1, 6-0) will clinch a playoff spot with a victory at home over last-place Friona at 4:30 p.m. today.

New teams make THSBCA rankings: As has been the case for the last few weeks, Gruver remains at No. 5 in Class 2A in the latest Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association rankings. But the Greyhounds (7-0) have more local company this week.

Pampa (15-3), who has clinched a playoff spot out of District 4-4A, is No. 9 in Class 4A. Bushland also got recognized, as the Falcons are ranked No. 7 in Class 3A.

Amarillo High in 5A and Nazareth in Class 1A both received votes.

METRO BASEBALL STANDINGS	
District 2-6A	
Team	District
Overall	
Midland High	7-4
18-10-1	
Midland Lee	7-4
18-8	
Frenship	6-4
17-8	
Odessa High	5-6
15-8-1	
Odessa Permian	4-7
14-14	
Tascosa	3-7
11-13	
Today’s games: Odessa Permian at Tascosa, Frenship at Midland High, Midland Lee at Odessa High. All games at 4:30 p.m.	

District 3-5A	
Team	District
Overall	
x-Amarillo High	12-1
20-6-1	
Lubbock Monterey	9-4
17-11-1	
Lubbock Coronado	9-4
15-14	
Lubbock Cooper	8-4
17-11	
Randall	6-6
16-12	
Plainview	5-7
11-14	
Lubbock High	3-9
7-20-1	
Palo Duro	2-10
9-18	
Caprock	2-11
12-14	
Today’s games: Lubbock High at Caprock, 5 p.m. Lubbock Monterey at Palo Duro, 5 p.m. Randall at Plainview, 5 p.m. Lubbock Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 7 p.m.	

District 3-4A	
Team	District
Overall	
x-Canyon	7-1
14-9-1	
x-Lubbock Estacado	4-2

14-7-1	
x-Hereford	4-2
8-10	
Levelland	1-5
14-12-1	
Lamesa	0-6
1-22	
Today’s games: Hereford at Lubbock Estacado, Levelland at Lamesa. Both games at 7 p.m.	

District 1-3A	
Team	District
Overall	
Bushland	6-0
14-4-1	
River Road	4-2
12-10	
Muleshoe	3-3
10-5	
Tulia	3-3
12-7	
Dimmitt	2-4
9-10-1	
Friona	0-6
1-16	
Today’s games: Tulia at River Road, 4 p.m. Dimmitt at Muleshoe, 4 p.m. Friona at Bushland, 4:30 p.m.	


Metro Softball Standings

District 2-6A	
Team	District
Overall	
x-Frenship	8-0
25-6	
Odessa High	5-3
24-6	
Midland Lee	4-4
18-10	
Odessa Permian	4-4
18-10-2	
Midland High	3-5
16-11-3	
Tascosa	0-8
3-23-1	
Today’s games: Odessa Permian at Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Midland Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Frenship at Odessa High, 7 p.m.	

District 3-5A	
Team	District
Overall	
x-Lubbock Coronado	12-2
21-9	
x-Lubbock Monterey	12-3
24-6	
x-Lubbock Cooper	11-3
18-15	
Randall	9-5
18-13	
Caprock	9-6
14-14	
Plainview	6-8
13-18-1	
Lubbock High	2-12
6-20	
Amarillo High	3-11
9-23	
Palo Duro	0-14
4-29	
Today’s games: Randall at Amarillo High, 4 p.m. Lubbock High at Palo Duro, 4 p.m. Lubbock Coronado at Caprock, 4 p.m. Lubbock Cooper at Plainview, 6:30 p.m.	

District 3-4A	
Team	District
Overall	
x-Canyon	6-0
16-10	
x-Lamesa	5-2
22-6	
x-Levelland	3-3
19-10	
x-Hereford	2-4
11-16-1	
Lubbock Estacado	0-7
7-20	
Today’s games: Canyon at Levelland, Hereford at Lamesa. Both games at 4:30 p.m.	

District 1-3A	
Team	District
Overall	
x-Bushland	8-0
26-6	
x-River Road	6-2
10-12	
Muleshoe	5-3
12-14	
Tulia	3-5
9-14-1	
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joan D. Fullerton, Deceased, were issued on March 26, 2019, under Docket No. CCPR-19-63, pending in the County Court of Potter County, Texas, to Laurel Fullerton Shores.

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All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: March 26, 2019.

[Laurel Fullerton Shores](#)

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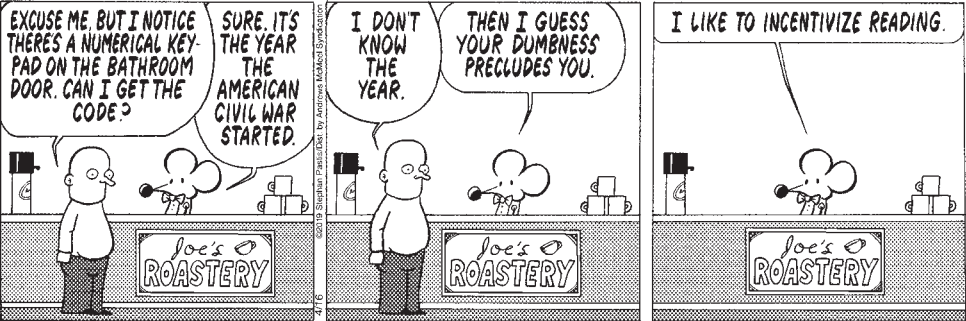
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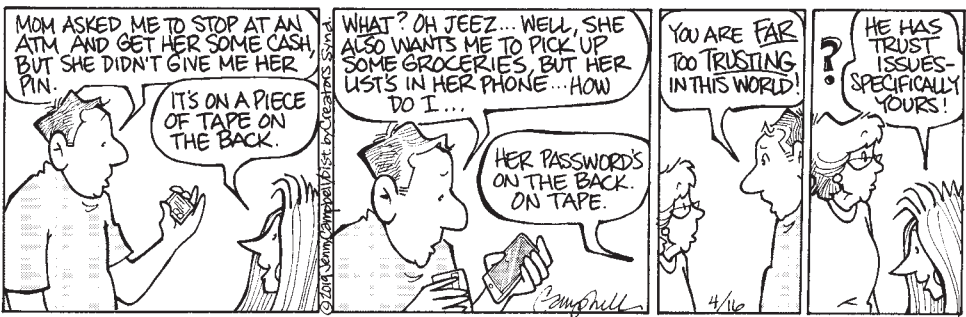
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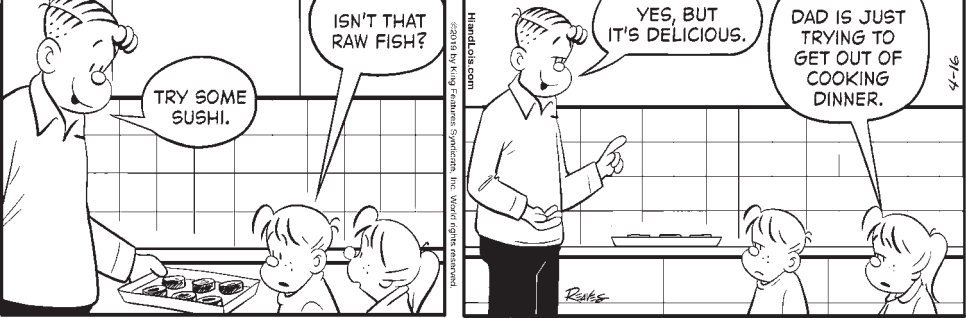
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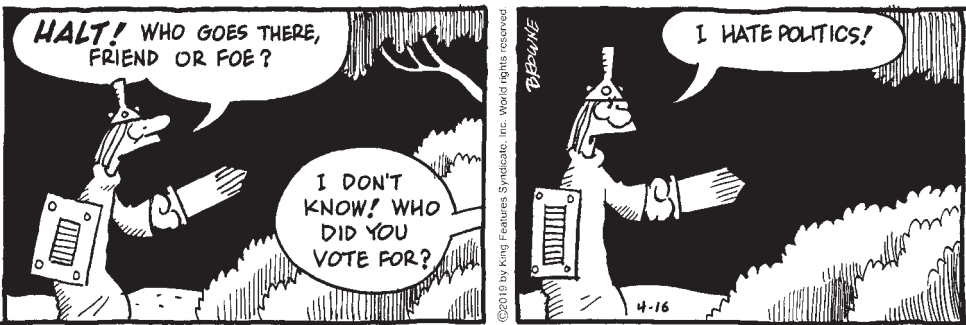
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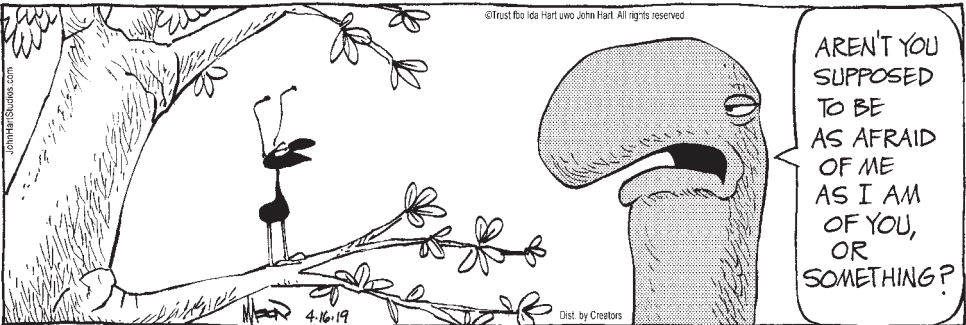
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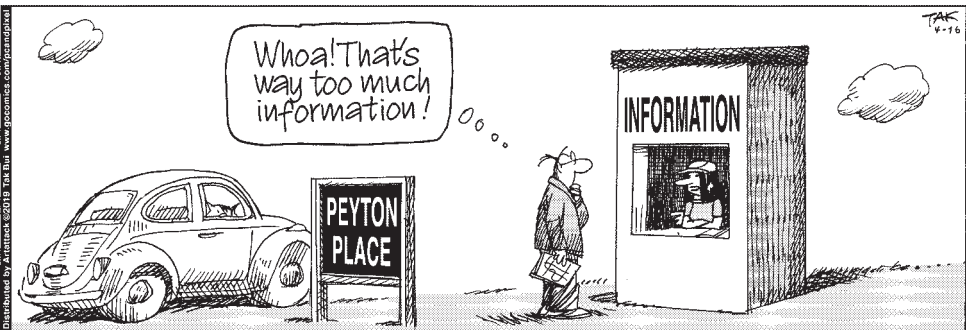
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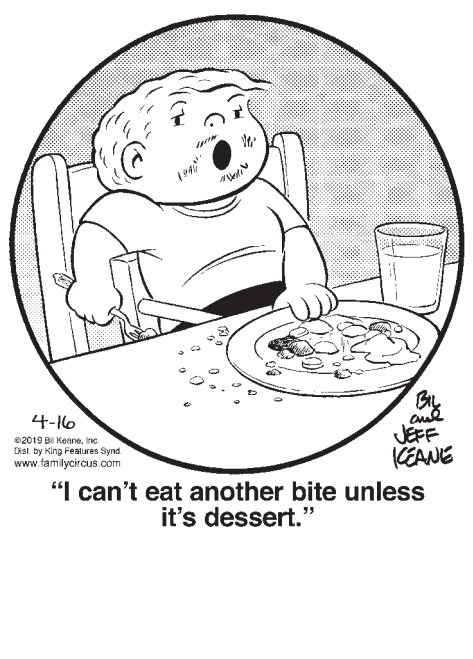
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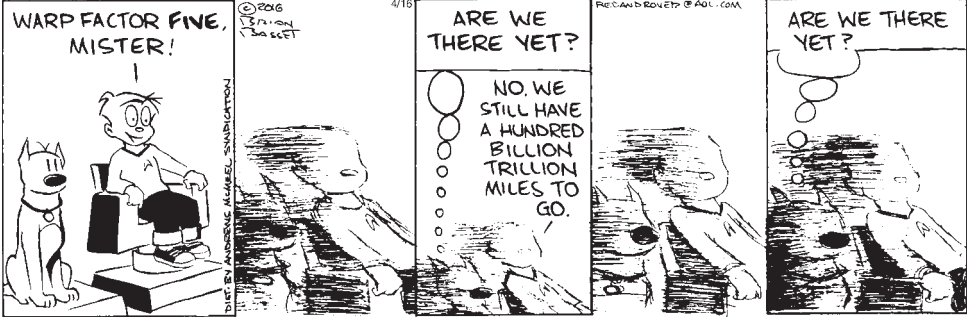
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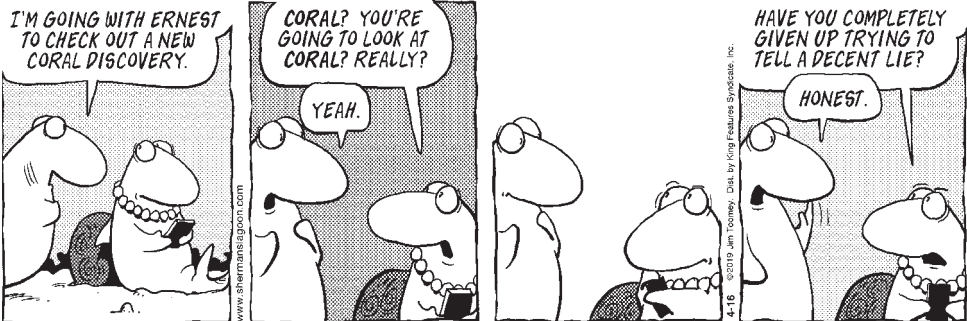
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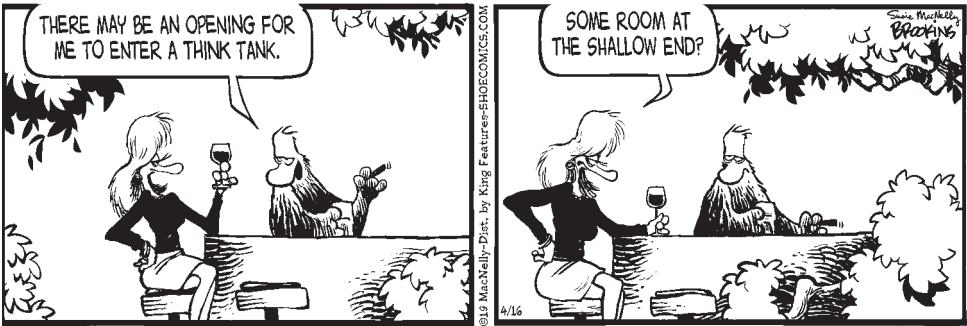
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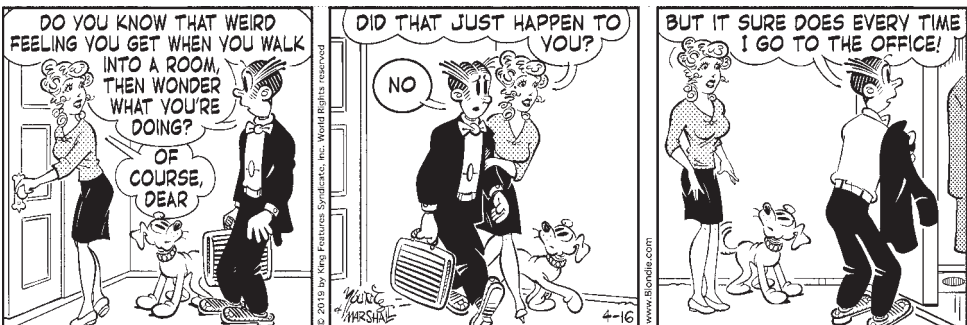
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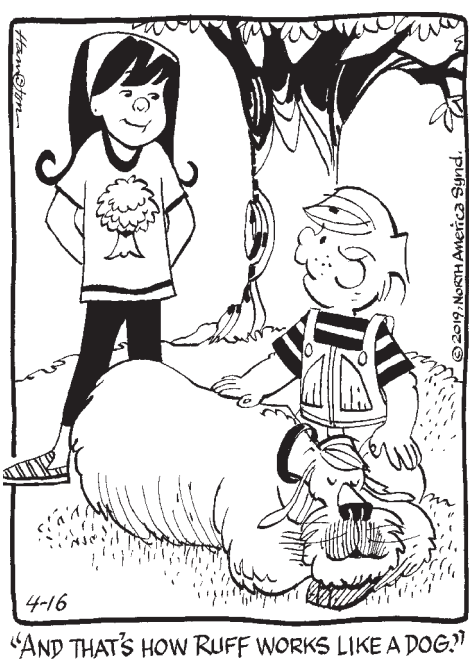
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A LONG & WINDING TOLL

San Francisco eyes charge to drive its famed Lombard Street

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Cars wind their way down Lombard Street on Monday in San Francisco. Thousands of tourists may soon have to pay as much as \$10 to drive down the world-famous crooked street if a proposal to establish a toll and reservation system becomes law. (ERIC RISBERG/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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In this April 28, 2008, file photo, motorists wind their way down Lombard Street in San Francisco. Tourists may soon have to pay a fee to drive down San Francisco’s world-famous crooked street. California officials announced a plan Monday that would grant San Francisco permission to establish a toll and reservation system. [MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Driving up costs

San Francisco eyes charge to drive its famed Lombard Street

By Olga R. Rodriguez
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of tourists could soon have to pay as much as \$10 to drive down world-famous Lombard Street in San Francisco.

City and state officials on Monday announced a bill that would give San Francisco the authority to establish a toll and reservation system for the street that winds down a steep hill, in an effort to reduce crowds and traffic congestion.

“We must implement a system that enables both residents and visitors to enjoy the ‘Crookedest Street in the World,’” said Assemblyman Phil Ting, a San Francisco Democrat who authored the legislation.

Residents say the scenic thoroughfare feels more like an overcrowded amusement park than a neighborhood street. They have been calling for years for officials to address the traffic jams, trash and trespassing by visitors.

In the summer months, an estimated 6,000 people a day visit the 600-foot-long (183-meter) street, creating lines of cars that stretch for blocks, clogging the Russian Hill neighborhood.

“The cars really impact the

neighborhood because they line up, they back up, they are sitting idling,” said Greg Brundage, president of the Lombard Hill Improvement Association.

San Francisco transportation officials have proposed requiring visitors to make a reservation online and pay \$5 for each vehicle. Another plan calls for online reservations and a \$10 charge on weekends and holidays.

The city needs state approval to charge people to use a public road but it would be up to city officials to determine how and what to charge and how to use the funds. The new toll system is not expected to be in place before 2020, officials said.

Supervisor Catherine Stefani said the fee would help sustain the reservations system and help pay for more traffic control officers, more police patrols in the area and tourism ambassadors who would make sure visitors have a good experience.

“It’s a pilot program but it’s something we must try to address the traffic congestion,” Stefani said.

Vida Bhatt, a tourist from Melbourne, Australia, said she and her family drove down the crooked street, parked their car, then decided to go back and explore the thoroughfare on

QUOTE OF THE DAY
“The cars really impact the neighborhood because they line up, they back up, they are sitting idling.” — Greg Brundage, president of the Lombard Hill Improvement Association

NATIONAL REPORT

MILWAUKEE
Police: Wisconsin teen gunned down grandparents

A 17-year-old told investigators that he fatally shot his grandparents and was planning to cause harm at his eastern Wisconsin high school, police said Monday.

Police officers responding to a 911 call for assistance found the bodies of 74-year-old Dennis Kraus and 73-year-old Letha Kraus at their home in Grand Chute about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Officer Travis Waas said. He declined to release details of the call.

Police arrested their grandson, Alexander M. Kraus at the couple’s home, Waas said. Kraus, who lives in nearby Neenah, admitted that he shot the couple, Waas said. Waus declined to comment on the nature of Kraus’ plans at his school or the severity of the threat. Police also released no information on why the couple was shot.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.
Video: Officers shoot man after telling him to drop gun

Police video released Monday shows an officer in Charlotte, North Carolina, fatally shooting a man who was armed but didn’t point his weapon at authorities.

The body camera footage shows two officers approaching 27-year-old Danquirs Napoleon Franklin outside a Burger King on March 25 after witnesses called 911 to report a man with a gun acting in a threatening manner.

The police video shows officers repeatedly yelling for Franklin, who is black, to put his gun down. He’s seen squatting by the open door of a car, facing someone in the passenger seat.

CLEARWATER, FLA.
Jurors deliberate on man who dropped daughter off bridge

A Florida man who threw his 5-year-old daughter off a Tampa Bay area bridge four years ago knew what he was doing was wrong and should be found guilty of first-degree murder, a prosecutor told jurors Monday during closing arguments of his trial.

But John Jonchuck’s defense attorney told jurors that although her client dropped his daughter, Phoebe, 62 feet into Tampa Bay, he was insane and didn’t know what he was doing.

“We know he had an overwhelming sense of fear,” assistant public defender Jessica Manuele said. “He felt that somebody was after him and Phoebe.”

RED BLUFF, CALIF.
California police fatally shoot man wielding ‘large stick’

Officials say a Northern California police officer shot and killed a man who was threatening to strike officers with a large stick.

Red Bluff Police Chief Kyle Sanders said in a statement that after officers encountered the man on a street he repeatedly refused to obey orders to drop the stick and walked away from them during the confrontation shortly after midnight Sunday. Police did not describe details about the stick.

Officers first used a stun gun and a bean bag shot at the man to try to get him to comply but those efforts didn’t work, Sanders said.

The Associated Press

Cortez calls social media a ‘public health risk’

By Hamza Shaban
The Washington Post

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, whose mastery of social media has helped drive the national conversation and shed light on the inner workings of congressional power, has given up on the most popular social network in the world.

In an interview Sunday with the Yahoo News podcast “Skullduggery,” the New York Democrat said she suspended her personal Facebook account and was scaling back

on all social media, which she described as a “public health risk” because it can lead to “increased isolation, depression, anxiety, addiction, escapism.”

Ocasio-Cortez, 29, who burst onto the national stage after defeating a high-ranking incumbent, said her departure from Facebook was a “big deal” because the platform was crucial to her campaign. She still has accounts on the site, she said, and according to the company’s ad library, her Facebook account has dozens of active advertisements

sponsored by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Congress. Among the Facebook ads are calls to support her signature Green New Deal, and fundraising pleas to support progressive legislation and to counteract a super PAC aligned against her.

“The congresswoman’s words speak for themselves,” said Corbin Trent, a spokesman for Ocasio-Cortez.

Ocasio-Cortez joins other prominent users who have given up on the social network, including WhatsApp co-founder Brian Acton, who

sold his company to Facebook in 2014, and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak. Both technologists parted ways with the social network amid a user boycott and as the company faced a congressional inquiry over the Cambridge Analytica controversy, when it was revealed that the political firm had improperly obtained personal information from millions of Facebook users.

Ocasio-Cortez’s disengagement from Facebook also tracks broad trends in social media use among young people.

NUMBER TO KNOW

850: Years the Notre Dame Cathedral had been standing before Monday's fire in Paris.



People pray as Notre Dame Cathedral burns Monday in Paris. [CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

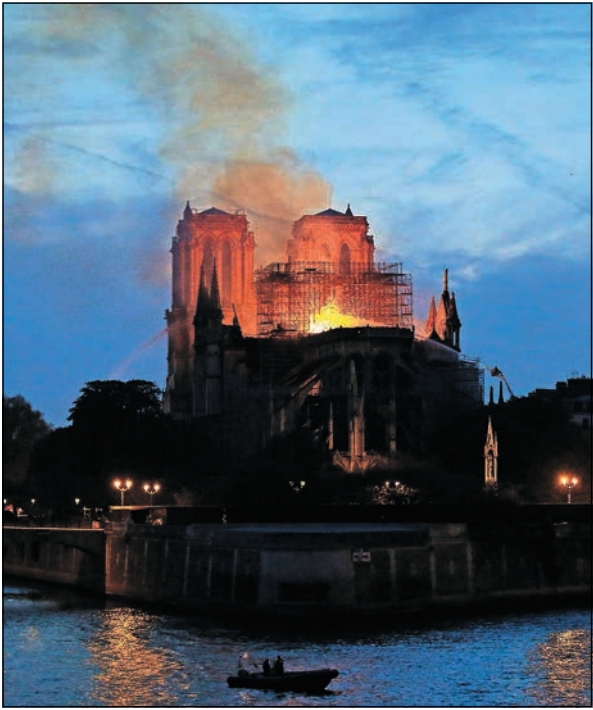
World mourns as history burns



A firefighter uses a hose as Notre Dame Cathedral burns Monday in Paris. A catastrophic fire engulfed the upper reaches of Paris' soaring cathedral as it was undergoing renovations, threatening one of the greatest architectural treasures of the Western world as tourists and Parisians looked on aghast from the streets below. [FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



People watch Notre Dame Cathedral burning from the Seine river banks Monday in Paris. [FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Firefighters tackle the blaze as flames and smoke rise from Notre Dame Cathedral on Monday in Paris. [MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By Andrew Selsky
The Associated Press

The world reacted with shock, horror and prayers to the massive fire Monday at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, united in grief and in solidarity with the people of France.

As the flames tore through the 12th-century cathedral, Spain's prime minister offered France the help of his country in the recovery.

The fire is a "catastrophe for France, for Spain and for Europe," Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez tweeted, adding that the flames are destroying "850 years of history, architecture, painting and sculpture."

U.S. President Donald Trump, speaking at the start of an appearance in Minnesota, spoke of the "terrible, terrible fire" that was destroying "one of the great treasures of the world."

"It's a part of our growing up, it's a part of our culture, it's a part of our lives," Trump said of the landmark.

The Notre Dame Cathedral, situated on an island in the Seine River in the heart of Paris, is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the world, drawing some 13 million people each year. The fire's emotional impact was widely felt. People from many parts of the world described in Facebook posts how they cried when they heard about the fire.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama posted an old photo of himself, his wife and their two daughters lighting candles in the cathedral.

"Notre Dame is one of the world's great treasures, and we're thinking of the people of France in your time of grief," Obama said on Twitter.

The Vatican said Pope Francis "has seen with shock and sadness the news of the terrible fire that has devastated the Cathedral of Notre Dame, symbol of Christianity in France and in the world."

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, prayed at St.

Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan for intercession.

"God preserve this splendid house of prayer, and protect those battling the blaze," Dolan said in a statement.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres tweeted that he's "horried," calling the cathedral "a unique example of world heritage."

In Russia, the Russian Orthodox Church's secretary for inter-Christian relations Hieromonk Stefan called the fire "a tragedy for the entire Christian world and for all who appreciate the cultural significance of this temple," the state news agency RIA-Novosti reported:

On Twitter, Trump suggested using planes to drop water on the flames. France's Civil Security agency said that wasn't feasible.

"All means are being used, except for water-bombing aircrafts which, if used, could lead to the collapse of the entire structure of the cathedral," the agency tweeted.

WORLD REPORT

CAIRO
Sudan's protesters voice optimism after talks with army

Sudanese protesters on Monday welcomed the "positive steps" taken by the ruling military council, which held talks with opposition leaders over the weekend and released some political prisoners.

The praise came despite a brief incident earlier Monday in which activists said soldiers attempted to disperse the ongoing protest sit-in outside the military headquarters in the capital, Khartoum, but eventually backed off.

Last week, Sudan's military ousted longtime President Omar al-Bashir following four months of street protests against his rule, then appointed a military council that it says will rule for two years or less while elections are organized. Demonstrators fear that the army, dominated by al-Bashir appointees, will cling to power or select one of its own to succeed him.

BENGHAZI, LIBYA
UN says 146 killed in Libya as Italy calls for cease-fire

At least 146 people have been killed since a Libyan military commander launched an offensive on the capital earlier this month, the U.N. said Monday, as Italy called for an immediate cease-fire and the withdrawal of his forces.

The World Health Organization said 614 others have been wounded since the Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter's self-styled Libyan National Army launched its offensive on April 5. It did not specify whether those killed and wounded were civilians or fighters.

The fighting pits the LNA against rival militias loosely affiliated with a weak U.N.-backed government based in the capital, Tripoli.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA
Canada hits Venezuelan government with sanctions

Canada on Monday imposed more sanctions on the government of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, who it blames for the country's deteriorating political and economic situation.

Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland announced sanctions against 43 high-ranking Venezuelan officials, including regional governors, and said they were implicated in the undermining of democratic institutions.

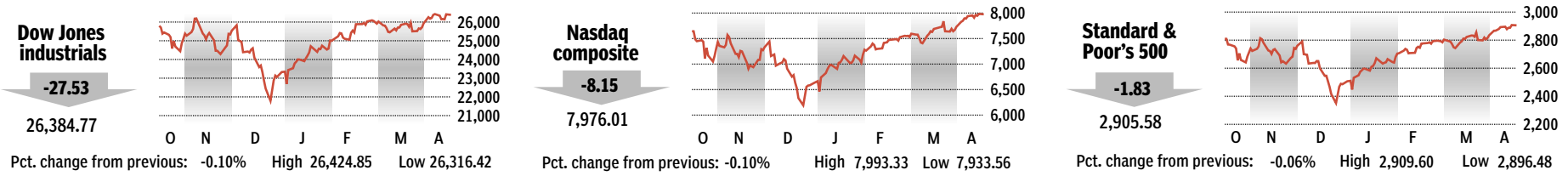
Canada had already sanctioned 70 other people linked to Maduro's government.

MEXICO CITY
Clandestine burial sites found as violence surges in Mexico

Mexican officials confirmed the discovery of up to 30 bodies in clandestine burial sites over the same weekend that they said some Red Cross ambulances will get armed escorts for the most risky calls.

On Saturday, the Sonora state prosecutor's office said in a statement it had sent forensics experts into the field to accompany a volunteer search group that helped discover what was estimated to be 27 sets of human remains.

MARKET WATCH A look at how key indexes fared on Monday



SNAPSHOT

A look at major stock and commodities market indicators Monday:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
1,250 advances, 1,492 declines
Most Active: General Electric
8.98 —0.02
Comp Sales: 2,997,112,925
Arca Comp Sales: 814,618,073

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET
1,125 advances, 1,779 declines
Most Active: Adv Micro Dev
27.33 —0.52
Nasdaq Sales: 1,759,601,205

MAJOR INDEXES
DJ Industrials: 26,384.77
—27.53
S&P 500: 2905.58 —1.83
NYSE Comp: 12,956.69 —12.85
Nasdaq Comp: 7976.01 —8.15

CBOT GRAINS
Wheat: May 4.5950 —.0550
Corn: May 3.6275 +.0175
Soybeans: May 8.9875 +.0375

NYMEX METALS AND ENERGY
Gold: Apr. 1286.80 —3.80
Silver: Apr. 14.948 +.028
Platinum: Apr. 890.20 —3.00
Copper: Apr. 2.9340 —.0120
Crude Oil: May 63.40 —0.49
Heating Oil: May 2.0610 —.097
Gasoline: May 2.0118 —.0252
Nat Gas: May 2.590 —.070

ON THE MOVE

Stocks that moved substantially or traded heavily Monday:

Alliance Data Systems Corp., down \$16.89 to \$164.04: Publicis Groupe will buy the data collection and marketing services company's Epsilon business for about \$4.4 billion.
Waste Management Inc., up \$2.47 to \$104.26: The trash and recycling collection company is paying about \$3 billion for rival Advanced Disposal.
Clovis Oncology Inc., down \$2.93 to \$20.55: The drug developer is halting a study on a potential bladder cancer treatment, according to media reports.
The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., down \$7.83 to \$199.91: The investment bank's first quarter earnings fell by 21%, hurt by a slowdown in trading.
Mattel Inc., down 41 cents to \$13.19: The toy and kids products maker is recalling nearly 5 million Fisher-Price infant sleepers after more than 30 babies died in them over a 10-year period.
Catalent Inc., up \$5.15 to \$44.41: The pharmaceutical services and products company is buying gene-therapy company Paragon Biosciences for \$1.2 billion.
Adient PLC, up \$3 to \$23.73: The automotive parts company gave investors a solid second-quarter revenue report.

The Associated Press



This photo released by HBO shows Kit Harington as Jon Snow, left, and Emilia Clarke as Daenerys Targaryen in a scene from “Game of Thrones,” which premiered its eighth season on Sunday. [HBO VIA AP]

Beyond Westeros

HBO looks at future without ‘Game of Thrones,’ maybe back to a prequel

By Lynn Elber
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When the last drop — or gallon — of blood is shed and an exultant victor has ascended to the Iron Throne, viewers may be split over how HBO’s fantasy saga ended but they’ll be joined in deprivation.

“What do you do without ‘Game of Thrones?’” will be the lament heard after the May 19 finale, said media industry analyst Larry Gerbrandt. The question is even more critical to the pay-cable channel, which soared on dragon’s wings with its hugely popular, eight-season adaptation of George R.R. Martin’s novels.

Keeping subscribers on board means more than another hit, even one as globally dazzling as “Game of Thrones” proved to be. But it’s where HBO can start to protect its brand and position, observers say, an effort both demanded and compounded by an increasingly congested small-screen landscape and the expectations of the channel’s corporate owner since 2016, AT&T.

“I think they need a prestige show on this level to remain HBO,” Bill Carter, a media analyst for CNN and former reporter for The New York Times. But “more than ever, it’s really hard to find a hit show and to break through in this marketplace.”

Sunday’s season premiere underscored the point, with “Game of Thrones” drawing a series-high record of 17.4 million viewers on TV and streaming. It set a streaming record for HBO and reinforced its standing as one of television’s most popular

shows.

The channel is well into the hunt for a worthy successor, with one possibility an untitled prequel to “Game of Thrones” created by Martin and Jane Goldman and starring Naomi Watts. Set to begin shooting a pilot in June, it’s among several potential “Thrones” spinoffs being weighed, with discussions at HBO about “how many is too many,” said programming chief Casey Bloys.

“We have high hopes” for the pilot, he said. “But I want to be clear, nobody is going into this thinking that we’re going to do a prequel and all of a sudden everybody who automatically watched ‘Game of Thrones’ is going to watch this. ... It’ll have a different feel and different rhythm. We’re not trying to do the same show again.”

That begs the question of what more HBO has to offer, he said. During a period in which “Game of Thrones” was off the air for scheduling reasons, series including “Westworld,” “Sharp Objects” and “Barry” proved strong draws, Bloys said.

“I’m not going to argue that we won’t miss ‘Game of Thrones.’ It’s been a fantastic show for us, but life does go on,” he said. He points to a deep bench of returnees, including Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon’s “Big Little Lies,” and newcomers including the graphic novel-based “Watchmen” from “Lost” producer Damon Lindelof. One marquee series that’s also in its final season: the much-admired comedy “Veep,” with Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

HBO, which launched in 1972 and whose cachet has long justified the

boastful slogan, “It’s not TV. It’s HBO,” has reached this crossroads before. At the turn of the century, pop-culture sensations “The Sopranos” and “Sex and the City” boosted the channel’s visibility and subscribers and made it a serious player for prestige awards — including cable’s first-ever Emmys for best drama and comedy series. After the shows wrapped, the channel moved nimbly on with audience-pleasers including “Six Feet Under” and “True Blood.”

But that was then, and this is the time of streaming — or, in shorthand, Netflix, along with a growing host of others including Amazon and Hulu — and a shoulder-bumping rush for stars and showmakers to churn out more and more fare for outlets already awash in programming.

HBO, no longer a singular alternative to staid broadcast networks, also got new corporate ownership when AT&T bought its parent company, Time Warner. HBO recently saw the exit of its chief executive, Richard Plepler, who had been with the channel for nearly 30 years and guided it to “Game of Thrones” glory.

With AT&T’s resources, HBO has stepped up production and will see a 50% increase in the number of original program hours this year, Bloys said, arguing that volume doesn’t preclude high quality: “There’s nothing in 2019 that we’re putting on the air because we’re trying to hit an hour count. ... We haven’t lowered any of our standards to reach a certain level of programming” and there is no pressure to do otherwise from WarnerMedia CEO John Stankey, he said.

UK proposes banning social media ‘likes’ for children

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain’s privacy regulator wants to stop kids from being able to “like” posts on Facebook and other social media sites as part of tough new rules it’s proposing to protect children’s online privacy.

Under the draft rules, which were released for consultation on Monday, tech companies would not be allowed to use “nudge techniques” that encourage

children to keep using a site.

The Information Commissioner’s Office said examples of “reward loops” that keep people using a site so that more of their personal data can be harvested include “likes” on Facebook and Instagram or “streaks” on Snapchat. A Snapchat streak involves two friends sending each other direct “snaps” on consecutive days.

The code of practice includes 16 standards that must be met

by apps, connected toys, social media sites, search engines, news or educational websites and streaming or other online services. It applies to companies that offer services in the U.K., even if they are based outside the country.

The code also calls for “high privacy” settings to be on by default and “robust age-verification mechanisms.” Only the minimum amount of data should be collected and location tracking

should be disabled by default.

Violators face punishment including, in serious cases, fines worth 4 percent of a company’s global revenue, which for the Silicon Valley tech giants would equal billions of dollars.

“This is the connected generation. The internet and all its wonders are hardwired into their everyday lives,” Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham said in a statement. “We shouldn’t have to prevent

our children from being able to use it, but we must demand that they are protected when they do. This code does that.”

Regulators worldwide are stepping up oversight of internet companies amid growing concern about privacy breaches and other online harm. The European Union introduced sweeping new privacy rules last year while in the U.S., momentum is building for a national privacy law.



Alt-right delete

How the alt-right corrupts the Constitution

By John E. Finn
Wesleyan University

About 10 years ago, I spent a sabbatical on the Maine coast writing a book about the Constitution.

One afternoon, an eager reference librarian who knew about my interests invited me to a talk at the library. The featured speaker was a woman who proudly called herself a “Constitutional Patriot.”

The speaker was self-educated and her message was simple: Liberal elites — judges, politicians and academics — had perverted the meaning of the “True Constitution.”

Getting the Constitution “right,” in her view and in the view of a great many far-right conservative groups and organizations, all of them constitutional patriots of a sort, means understanding the Constitution as the Founders understood it.

Getting the Constitution “right” thus means returning the Constitution to its original meaning. It also means that the Constitution, as they read it, advances a particular and deeply conservative worldview, where “We the People” includes only those citizens who would have qualified for citizenship at the founding (which is to say, whites), a strong commitment to states’ rights and extensive — if not absolute — protections for freedom of speech and guns.

It is a view that many in the alt-right share.

Christian, conservative and white

Most observers think the alt-right are conservative extremists, defined chiefly by their loud and proud commitment to white racial superiority and privilege.

But there’s much more to the alt-right.

I’m a constitutional scholar and in my latest book, “Fracturing the Founding: How the Alt-Right Corrupts the Constitution,” I show how the alt-right and a wide variety of extremist organizations advance a comprehensive — if not entirely comprehensible — vision of the American Constitution.

What I call the Alt-constitution is an odd mix of the forgotten, the rejected, the racist and the bizarre.

It begins with the claim that the Constitution was not only divinely inspired, it is also Christian, conservative and white.

The Alt-constitution — in sharp distinction from the real Constitution

— tolerates no restrictions on speech, guns or private property, does not concede that federal laws trump state and local law — although the supremacy clause of Article 6 of the Constitution clearly indicates otherwise — and incorporates the principle of separate but equal.

For the far right, the meaning of every provision in the Constitution is plain or discerned easily by appealing to what the Founders intended. Or failing that, to Holy Scripture.

Guns and speech

Extreme right-wing thinking about the Constitution is not limited to radical readings of just a few isolated amendments. Rather, it extends to nearly every part of the document. But you can get a good feel for the Alt-constitution by focusing upon just a few provisions, such as the First, Second and 14th amendments — and on the alt-right subgroups that focus on them.

The far right’s reading of the First and Second amendments — which govern free speech and the right to bear arms, respectively — starts from a simple premise: Both amendments are literal and absolute.

The far right holds that the First Amendment allows them to say anything, anytime, anywhere, to anyone, without consequence or reproach by government or even by other citizens who disagree or take offense at their speech.

Similarly, the alt-right gun advocates hold that the Second Amendment protects their God-given right to own a weapon — any weapon — and that governmental efforts to deny, restrict or even to register their weapons must be unconstitutional. They think the Second Amendment trumps every other provision in the Constitution.

In sharp contrast, even the Supreme Court’s originalists, who believe that the Constitution’s meaning should be the one it had when it became law, have rejected this absolutism.

In both *DC v. Heller*, a 2008 ruling that concluded that the Second Amendment does protect an individual right to own certain kinds of weapons, and *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, which made that right applicable to state governments, the court conceded that the Second Amendment does not, as conservative icon Justice Antonin Scalia wrote, protect a “right to keep and

carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.”

The Sheriff’s Brigade of Pennsylvania — “a law abiding grassroots organization comprised of patriotic, freedom loving Americans” and definitely not “to be construed as being a militia group, a para-military group” — disagrees.

On their website, they say that “Justice Scalia is wrong ... We all have a God given, individual right to bear arms, any arms!”

Citizenship and due process

The absolutism of the Alt-constitutionalist’s perceptions of the First and Second amendments has little to do with the real Constitution. But at least it is easy to grasp.

The Alt-14th amendment, in contrast, is a muddle.

Briefly, the 14th Amendment is the cornerstone of the three Reconstruction Amendments passed after the Civil War. It overruled the infamous *Dred Scott* case by making African Americans — and every person born in the United States — a citizen.

The amendment also guarantees due process of law and equal protection of the laws to every person in the jurisdiction of the United States.

And as interpreted by the Supreme Court, the 14th Amendment’s due process clause makes most of the provisions of the Bill of Rights applicable to state governments.

But in some right-wing circles, the 14th Amendment is illegitimate, as are many of the later amendments not drafted by the Founders. Not only is the 14th Amendment unconstitutional, it is also at the heart of a nefarious plot to deprive white citizens of their constitutional rights.

For some in these circles, the 14th Amendment also fundamentally degrades what it means to be a citizen.

Sovereign Citizens, for example, see in the 14th Amendment a conspiracy to deprive them of their inalienable rights and to swap out their “sovereign” citizenship with an inferior “federal” or “contract” citizenship. As sovereign citizens, they believe they are not subject to federal laws that they think violate the original meaning of the Constitution.

Constitution boot camps

The most important thing any constitution does is to determine

our identity — to tell us who “We the People” are and what we believe.

This understanding of the role of a constitution leads directly to why the radical right believes its version of the constitution is so important: They use the Alt-constitution as a tool in their ongoing struggle to remake America in their image.

Getting the Constitution “right” thus includes a concerted effort to teach citizens that the Constitution embraces the extreme right’s conservative world view.

Just as Evangelicals parse “The Word” in Bible clubs, constitutional patriots form study groups and give lectures at local libraries and other civic places. They produce and purchase instructional materials to teach each other and their children fundamental constitutional truths — true or not.

There are constitution classes, complete with approved texts — W. Cleon Skousen’s “The Five Thousand Year Leap” is a favorite. There are online courses: David Barton’s Constitution ALIVE! “covers the key principles that make the U.S. Constitution the most remarkable political document of all time.” And there are even constitution “boot camps.”

I believe that what goes on in these courses is less education than evangelizing. In the radical right, constitution worship is an article of faith. As David Barton proclaims in his “Constitution Alive!” course, the Constitution “is the most remarkable political document of all time.”

Or as Ronald Mann wrote in his introduction to Skousen’s “The Five Thousand Year Leap,” the choice for the Founders at Philadelphia was between “Christ or chaos.”

Yet constitution worship does not encourage (or even tolerate) critical thinking about the Founders or their work. Nor does it make room for any inquiry into where they might have got things wrong or where or how the Constitution may need fixing.

I believe the Alt-constitution threatens the values, norms and principles that make up our constitutional tradition.

The threat is not confined to the fringe elements of conservative politics. The Alt-constitution’s principles have shown up in the mainstream right’s renewed interest in states’ rights, sometimes expressed in ideas like nullification — the proposition that states can disregard federal laws — or even secede from the Union.



In this Feb. 2 file photo, former NFL player Peyton Manning presents the Walter Payton NFL man of the year award at the 8th Annual NFL Honors at The Fox Theatre in Atlanta. [PAUL ABELL/INVISION FOR NFL]

Manning goes deep

Former QB great looks at NFL’s storied history

By Barry Wilner
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just as he had the true touch when he threw passes, set records and won two Super Bowls, Peyton Manning has the right approach when looking at some of the NFL’s greatest moments.

ESPN, NFL Films and the league itself clearly felt that way.

Manning, a lock for the Pro Football Hall of Fame when he becomes eligible in 2021, is hosting and serving as an executive producer for “Peyton’s Places,” a five-part, 30-episode series celebrating the NFL’s 100th season. The show debuts on ESPN+ in July, with ESPN and ABC airing special compilations.

For the quarterback, it was a labor of love, a journey into pro football’s past that was educational, humorous and heartfelt.

“NFL Films has been great throughout this and they approached me about doing it to tell the story of the past 100 years,” Manning says. “They certainly had a template and blueprint they wanted to tell, and we had certain people we wanted to talk to and visit and have conversations about how football got started.”

So Manning dived all the way back to Ralph Hay’s Hupmobile showroom in Canton, Ohio. He spent time with members of the undefeated 1972 Dolphins; rewatched Super Bowl 3 with Joe Namath; discussed the Immaculate Reception with Steelers and Raiders to get the Pittsburgh and Oakland viewpoints; and discovered intriguing connections to the NFL for Richard Nixon, Jay Leno and Elvis.

“We got to go down memory lane,” Manning says. “I have always loved the history of the game and I have learned a lot during this journey, and spent some time with some of my

favorite players and contemporaries of my dad (former Saints star quarterback Archie Manning) and guys he looked up to.

“NFL Films has all this great archives of (Bears founder) George Halas talking about being in Ralph Hay’s Hupmobile showroom, (Giants owner) Wellington Mara talking about how Vince Lombardi wanted him to take Polaroids and throw them down to the field when Vince was coaching with the Giants. To maybe re-enact it or kind of tell that story, it’s kind of why I signed up for it.”

Along the way, Manning channeled his inner comedian, as displayed in TV commercials and as host of “Saturday Night Live.”

A big fan of Elvis Presley, Manning visited Graceland and “may or may not” have dressed up in an Elvis costume. He did discover that Presley staged impromptu games at local parks and was such a die-hard NFL fan he had three television sets on hand so he could watch as much football as possible.

“He got the idea from Lyndon Baines Johnson, who had three TVs so he could watch the news and political news coverage,” Manning explains.

Manning and Cris Carter also tried to replicate a stunt the New York Giants performed at the O’Keeffe Radiator Building in Manhattan — now the American Radiator Building. In 1926, the Giants’ Lynn Bomar threw a ball to the ground from 324 feet up on the 23-story building, and Hinkley Haines caught it.

“Back in the ‘20s, the forward pass was like a circus act,” Manning says. “When you were in the red zone and threw a pass into the end zone and it was incomplete, the other team got the ball; that was news to me. Clearly, teams didn’t want to throw it.

“But to get some buzz and interest

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SPORTS REPORT

RALEIGH, N.C.
Study: Minority hiring in MLB ranks similar to previous year

A diversity report released Monday on Major League Baseball finds the sport remaining largely on the same footing from the previous year in racial and gender hiring practices, with the biggest area of concern coming in the front offices of league teams.

The annual report card from The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES) at Central Florida found slight fluctuations in scores for racial and gender hiring. The grade for racial hiring was an A-minus with 89 points, up a point from a year earlier, while the grade for gender hiring dropped one point to a 70 for a C.

The overall score was unchanged at 79, a B-minus.

BALTIMORE
Historic section of Pimlico not safe for Preakness seating

Nearly 6,700 grandstand seats at Baltimore’s Pimlico Race Course are not safe, an engineering firm has determined, meaning roughly 18 percent of the historic track’s seating capacity will be cordoned-off when it hosts one of America’s premier horse races next month.

Some city lawmakers assert that the looming closure of the northern grandstand adjacent to the clubhouse — the oldest section of seating with a capacity of 6,670 — illustrates how the Canada-based development company that owns and operates the track has systematically routed renovation cash away from the host of the Preakness Stakes. The storied race is the second-leg of the Triple Crown.

“This announcement underscores the core issue of renovation funding being intentionally steered away from Pimlico to help manufacture a crisis,” said state Sen. Bill Ferguson, a Baltimore Democrat.

Pimlico owner The Stronach Group says its hands are tied: An engineering firm has determined that the northern grandstand with those 6,670 seats can’t sustain that level of load bearing weight any longer.

HOUSTON
Garage catches fire at Texas home of boxer George Foreman

Authorities say an accidental fire in a garage at the Texas home of former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman damaged the garage and several vehicles, but caused no injuries.

A spokeswoman for the Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office, Rachel Moreno, says the Sunday night blaze didn’t spread beyond the garage. She says smoke and water damaged some of the approximately 40 vehicles inside. Moreno said the fire started on a golf cart.

Foreman later tweeted, “Don’t worry all is well.” He thanked firefighters who responded to the home in Huffman, an unincorporated community in the Houston area.

The fire comes just more than a month after Foreman’s daughter, Freeda Foreman, was found dead in her home in suburban Houston.

Kanter making most of second chance with Blazers

By Anne M. Peterson
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Looking back on it now, the Trail Blazers were clearly smart to pick up Enes Kanter after he was waived by the New York Knicks.

Kanter was brought aboard by Portland as insurance for the final stretch of the season, meant to back up starter Jusuf Nurkic.

Then Nurkic broke his leg and Kanter was thrust into a starting role with his new team. After Portland’s playoff-opening

victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder, Damian Lillard dubbed the 6-foot-11 center the Blazers’ MVP.

“He had a huge presence down the stretch and played a huge part in us winning this game,” Lillard said after Portland’s 104-99 victory Sunday.

Kanter finished with 20 points and a career playoff-high 18 rebounds, and was effective on defense against the likes of Russell Westbrook and Paul George.

It’s been quite a journey from New York castoff to Portland playoff hero for the seven-year

NBA veteran.

Kanter, 26, was waived by the Knicks following the trade deadline. Once a starter, he fell out of the rotation altogether when New York — which finished with the worst record in the league — turned its focus to younger players.

Kanter, who came to the Knicks in 2017 from Oklahoma City in the Carmelo Anthony trade, averaged 14 points and 10.8 rebounds in 115 games over two seasons.

The Blazers picked him up just before the All-Star break, envisioning him as the second

team center. But on March 25, Nurkic crashed awkwardly to the court during a game at home against the Brooklyn Nets. Nurkic, who was averaging 14.6 points and 10.4 rebounds, broke his leg in two places and was out for the season.

Nurkic is a Portland favorite — fans donated to put up a billboard honoring the “Bosnian Beast” after his injury — but Kanter has since endeared himself, too. Kanter appeared in 23 games with the Blazers in the regular season and started in eight, averaging 13.1 points and 8.6 rebounds.



Brewers' Eric Thames stands for the national anthem on Jackie Robinson Day during a baseball game against the Cardinals on Monday in Milwaukee. [JEFFREY PHELPS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Dodgers, MLB honor Jackie Robinson's centennial year

By Beth Harris
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Vin Scully joined the widow of Jackie Robinson to honor the player who broke baseball's color barrier during Robinson's centennial birthday celebration Monday night.

Scully greeted 96-year-old Rachel Robinson with a kiss after being introduced to the crowd, with Scully drawing the loudest cheers in a rare public appearance.

He stood behind Rachel with his hands holding her arms during the national anthem at Dodger Stadium. They were joined by Robinson's daughter, Sharon, and son, David, who linked arms with their mother as they walked on the field.

Robinson became the first black player in Major League Baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947. Scully began calling the team's games three years later, and the now-retired Hall of Fame announcer was friendly off the field with the man he called "Jack."

Only 7.7% of current MLB players are black, according to MLB.

"If not for Jackie Robinson, I probably wouldn't be here today playing baseball in the United States," said Cincinnati Reds outfielder Yasiel Puig, who came from Cuba to chase his pro aspirations. "That's the reason we respect this day."

Robinson, who died at age 53 in 1972, would have turned 100 on Jan. 31.

His No. 42 was worn by every major leaguer Monday. The number was retired around the league in 1997.

"For me, it's a big opportunity and

responsibility that I hold very dear to my heart," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "To put this uniform on today and wear that number today, 42, it's always special."

Colorado Rockies manager Bud Black recalled reading about Robinson as a youngster.

"To this day I still read about him," Black said in San Diego. "What a pioneer. What a great example of a human being and what he meant to our country, and in the bigger picture, what he meant for all of us culturally, not only in baseball, but in society."

In Minnesota, Toronto Blue Jays manager Charlie Montoyo started his pregame media session at 3:42 p.m. CDT in honor of Robinson.

"That's probably one of the people in baseball I wish I would've met," he said.

At Dodger Stadium, the pregame ceremonies included 42 current and former Jackie Robinson Foundation scholars. Students from Cleveland Elementary, Washington Middle School and John Muir High — all attended by Robinson while growing up in nearby Pasadena — were on hand.

Robinson's No. 42 was cut into the center field grass.

The Robinson siblings each tossed out first pitches. David's was a strike to Roberts, while Sharon's bounced on its way to catcher Russell Martin.

Sharon Robinson works as MLB's education programming consultant.

The Dodgers hosted an invitation-only 100th birthday celebration in the Stadium Club featuring a sneak preview of the Jackie Robinson Museum,

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Rafa's back

King of clay Nadal unsure how Monte Carlo return will go

By Jerome Pugmire
The Associated Press

MONACO — Rafael Nadal is unsure how his latest injury return will go this week, even though it will be on the clay-court king's favorite surface.

The second-ranked Spaniard is coming back at the Monte Carlo Masters, a tournament he has won a record 11 times along with the French Open and Barcelona.

"It has been a tough year and a half for me, so it's tough to have a clear view about how I am," Nadal said Monday at the French Riviera tournament, where he plays Spanish countryman Roberto Bautista Agut in the second round on Wednesday.

"I had too many stops; I didn't find a way to play three weeks in a row without problems. So it has been hard for me. When you have these things going on, on the mental side it's up and down. It's always like a comeback."

Even Toni Nadal, his uncle and former coach, was skeptical about Nadal's long-term future in tennis in an interview with El Pais last month.

"Rafael wants to continue playing, despite his physical problems," Toni said. "That is what will continue to be decisive. Until when, who knows? Maybe two or three more years. What I'm saying is that Rafael is not a tennis player, he's an injured person who plays tennis."

Responding on Monday, the 32-year-old Nadal said his uncle had apologized for the comments.

"He came to the court and felt sorry for that. Toni wanted to say it in a positive way because of course I had many issues," Nadal said. "Toni has conferences for companies every week. So when you talk a lot, sometimes you make some mistakes."

Bautista Agut beat top-ranked Novak Djokovic at the Miami Open last month — where Nadal did not play. His troublesome right knee had flared up again the previous tournament, forcing him to pull out of his semifinal against Roger Federer at Indian Wells.

Nadal resumed practice two weeks ago and his knee is holding up.

"My knee is quite good. Happy for that. Now I need to work on the tennis," he said. "I hope the competition puts me in the rhythm I need."

Nadal usually finds his rhythm quicker than anyone on clay.

Last year, he missed February and March after retiring in the fifth set of his Australian Open quarterfinal against Marin Cilic with a hip injury.

However, it did not stop him reeling off 14 straight wins on clay without dropping a set — winning two Davis Cup matches, the Monte Carlo and Barcelona titles before Dominic Thiem stopped him in the Madrid Masters quarterfinals.

Nadal went on to win the Rome Masters and French Open and reached the Wimbledon semifinals on grass, losing an epic five-setter to Djokovic.

Cincinnati stays in its backyard for next coach

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — John Brannen played pick-up games at Cincinnati's on-campus arena when he was growing up and vividly recalls watching Kenyon Martin dunk over another player. He's coached — and lost — with visiting teams at the same arena.

The local guy is now in charge of the home team.

The Bearcats decided to stay in their backyard for Mick Cronin's replacement, choosing Brannen — the head coach at nearby Northern Kentucky — to try to extend their American Athletic Conference success and get deeper into

the NCAA Tournament.

The 45-year-old coach grew up in northern Kentucky and was at the top of Cincinnati's list when Cronin — another Cincinnati-area native — left for UCLA last week.

"Nobody trumped John," athletics director Mike Bohn said Monday.

Brannen led Northern Kentucky to unmatched success in its first three seasons in Division I, leading the Norse to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances and winning the Horizon League's coach of the year award. When he arrived on the Norse campus, many students still rooted for the Kentucky Wildcats at

tournament time.

That changed when the Norse reached the tournament in their first year of eligibility and gave Kentucky a scare in the first round before losing 79-70. They reached it again this season and lost to runner-up Texas Tech 72-57 in the opening round.

Getting the Bearcats deeper into the tournament will be one of Brannen's main goals.

Cincinnati reached the NCAA Tournament each of the last nine seasons under Cronin, who dug the program out from its mess after Bob Huggins' departure. But the Bearcats reached the Sweet 16 only once, in 2012. A first-round loss to Iowa last month

in Columbus, Ohio made it seven straight years of failing to get beyond the opening weekend.

In the short term, Brannen takes over a team in transition at the guard spot. The Bearcats lose senior point guards Justin Jenifer and Cane Broome. Jarron Cumberland, the AAC's player of the year, hasn't declared whether he'll return for a senior season.

The most intriguing question is how much Brannen changes the Bearcats' style. Cronin emphasized defense, rebounding and toughness. While Brannen also likes full-court defensive pressure, his offense at Northern Kentucky was much more wide open.



CAULIFLOWER?

Good. These recipes? Better.

By **Daniel Neman**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Cauliflower’s moment in the sun as a food fad came to an abrupt halt a few years ago when someone sliced it cross-wise and called it a cauliflower steak. Cauliflower is not a steak. There is nothing steaklike about cauliflower. And while we’re at it, you know those cauliflower-based pizza crusts that they say don’t taste like cauliflower? They taste like cauliflower.

The tofu of vegetables

That said, I love cauliflower, except in its steak and pizza applications. One friend of mine calls cauliflower the tofu of vegetables, because it soaks up and takes on the flavor of anything it is with. And that is true when it is served with a cheesy or spicy sauce. But when it is served by itself, unadorned, it has a mildly nutty flavor all its own. To sample the many various aspects of cauliflower, I made it a few different ways. One was in an amazing savory pie. The recipes took some time and effort to make, with terrific results. But the best way could not have been simpler; it is the method that, to me, allows the pure, warm flavor of cauliflower to come through. I roasted it. All I needed was a little olive oil, a sprinkling of salt, a dash of pepper and an oven. The result was basic, elemental cauliflower,

cauliflower at its most essential. It was perfection, and you can’t improve on perfection.

Vegetarian done right

But I tried. And if anything can be more perfect than perfect, it is a savory Cauliflower Cheese Pie with grated potato crust. This dish is absolutely stellar. The recipe comes from the “Moosewood Cookbook,” which is sort of the bible for vegetarians. As in, “In the beginning, there was the ‘Moosewood Cookbook.’ ” Originally self-published in 1974, it has become one of the 10 best-selling cookbooks of alltime according to the New York Times. Additionally, in 2007, the James Beard Foundation named the book to the Cookbook Hall of Fame. I have made many dishes from this book over the years, but the Cauliflower Cheese Pie may be my new favorite. The crust is basically a potato pancake baked in a pie pan: grated potatoes, grated onions and an egg white. Once that is essentially parbaked, you add a layer of shredded cheddar cheese (I used sharp cheese, which I would recommend), then a layer of thyme-scented, sautéed cauliflower and onions, and then another layer of shredded cheese. Pour in a simple custard of eggs and a little milk, bake, and you end up with a dish that will make even the most fervent carnivore say, “maybe these Moosewood people are on to something.”

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

Yield: 4 servings
1 pound cauliflower, about 1 medium-large head, trimmed and cut into ¼-inch-thick slices
1 ½ tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Sea salt
Coarsely ground black pepper

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place cauliflower in a large mixing bowl. Pour on just enough olive oil to coat. Season generously with salt and pepper and toss gently until evenly coated.
2. Lay cauliflower pieces out on a baking sheet. Drizzle any remaining oil from the bowl on top. Bake, turning once, until caramelized on edges and tender, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature, as a side dish. You can also sprinkle it with a very good aged vinegar. Or, cut florets into smaller pieces and add to salads.

Per serving: 60 calories; 4 g fat; 1 g saturated fat; no cholesterol; 2 g protein; 6 g carbohydrate; 2 g sugar; 2 g fiber; 514 mg sodium; 28 mg calcium
Adapted from The New York Times

CAULIFLOWER CHEESE PIE

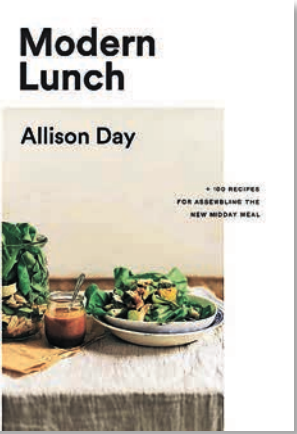
Yield: 4 to 5 servings
For the crust
2 cups (packed) grated raw potato
¼ cup grated onion
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg white, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon oil
For the filling
1 tablespoon olive oil or butter
1 cup chopped onion
2 medium garlic cloves, minced
½ teaspoon salt
Black pepper, to taste
½ teaspoon dried basil
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
1 medium cauliflower, cut into florets
1 cup (packed) grated cheddar
2 eggs
¼ cup milk
Paprika

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. For the crust: Combine grated potato, onion, salt and egg white in a small bowl, and mix well. Transfer to a pie pan and pat into place with lightly floured fingers, building up the sides into a handsome edge.
3. Bake for 30 minutes, then brush crust with 1 tablespoon of oil (or less) and bake it 10 more minutes. Remove from oven and lower temperature to 375 degrees.
4. For the filling: Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil or butter in a large skillet. Add onion, garlic, salt, pepper, basil and thyme, and sauté over medium heat for about 5 minutes. Add cauliflower, stir and cover. Cook until tender, stirring occasionally, about 8 to 10 minutes.
5. Spread half the cheese onto the baked crust. Spoon the sautéed vegetables on top, then sprinkle on the remaining cheese. Beat the eggs and milk together and pour over the top. Dust lightly with paprika.
6. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, or until set. Serve hot or warm.
Recipe from “Moosewood Cookbook,” 40th Anniversary Edition, by Mollie Katzen

Ground chicken wrap reinvents lunchtime

By **Chris Ross**
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Canadian food blogger Allison Day believes that “life is too short to eat a bad lunch.” The goal of her new cookbook, “Modern Lunch,” is to offer creative ideas for delicious lunches that are budget-conscious and easy to prepare. This flavorful recipe even includes “edible dinnerware” in the form of a vegetable wrap. It calls for ground chicken, but you can substitute crumbled tofu if you want to make it vegetarian. It takes 20 minutes to prepare and will keep in the fridge for up to five days. See more of Day’s recipes on her blog, YummyBeet.com.



“Modern Lunch: +100 Recipes for Assembling the New Midday Meal” by Allison Day
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CHICKEN, EGGPLANT AND BASIL WRAPS WITH CASHEWS

Serves 4
1 tablespoon coconut oil
1 pound ground chicken or 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts pulsed in a food processor until minced
2 Chinese eggplants, sliced into thin rounds
Heaping ½ cup unsalted raw or roasted cashews
3 tablespoons rice vinegar
3 tablespoons gluten-free tamari or soy sauce
2 green onions (white and green parts), minced
2 cups coarsely torn basil leaves (use Thai basil if available)

1 head lettuce such as iceberg or Bibb, or cabbage, leaves separated
For the filling, in a large, high-sided or nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the chicken, eggplant and

cashews, and sauté until the chicken is cooked through and the eggplant is tender and browned, about 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in the vinegar and tamari or soy sauce and cook for 1 minute longer, until the liquid is absorbed. Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the green onion and basil. Transfer the filling to a large container or bowl, cool, seal or cover, and refrigerate until you are ready to assemble the wraps.

To assemble, divide the filling between 4 bento boxes or containers. Roll the lettuce leaves and tuck them in bento boxes or containers or securely wrap and pack on the side. Seal everything up and refrigerate until you are ready to take it with you. When you arrive at work, keep

your meal cold in the refrigerator or with a cooler pack in your lunch bag. To serve, keep the filling cold or reheat, if desired, then top the lettuce leaves with filling, tuck in the sides (like a taco), and enjoy.

MAKE IT VEGETARIAN
Replace the chicken with 1 package (12 ounces) extra-firm tofu, finely crumbled after pressing out the liquid. As it’s already cooked, the tofu will only take about 5 minutes in the pan to dry out and become a touch crispy.

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